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israel, Tunisia pian ow-level ties'

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israci and Tunisia agreed Monday to establish low-level ties sithin half a year, Israel Radio reported. The two sides will set up economic interest offices in each others' countries in a first step, the report said. Israel's foreign ministry had no immediate comment. Tunisia is following in the steps of Morocco which established formal ties with Israel in September.

Four foreigners kidnapped in India

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A Muslim group claimed Mon-day to have abducted three Britons and a U.S. national from New Delhi and bave threatened to kill them unless 10 named Kashmiri militants were freed by the Indian gov-crament. The unknown group mailed the letter to the headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) here along with passports of the three Britons reportedly abducted by them. Similar letters were also reportedly sent to the offices of Voice of America radio. Senior police officials and federal intelligence personnel were in a meeting here late Monday night after the reports of the abductions. sources said.

Al Argam disbands

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - Malaysia's outlawed Muslim sect Al Arqam announced Monday it had dishended, after he repentant founder conferred be had turned the movement from the true islamic path. "We have grown up listening to advice. It's from this advice that we realise we ought to follow the wishes of the leadership," Mohammad Nasib Zazawi, a spokesman for the Al Argam, told reporters. Al Argam founder Ashaari Muhammad, 57. said on national television early this month and in a live appearance before Argam members last week that he had wrongly guided the movement. Mr. Ashaari's confession was made just before he was released from a month-long state detention. The movement was banned on August and the government clamped down on members who refused to abandon it.

Israel honours Philip

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel bestowed one of its highest awards on the Duke of Edinburgh on Monday in the name of his mother who saved a Jewish family from the Nazis. The consort of Queen Elizabeth II and his sister Princess George of Hanover received the certificate of "righteous among nations" from Yad Vashem. Israel's memorial to the lews killed during the holocaust. Their mother Princess Alice of Greece hid three members If the Cohen family for a car in a royal palace in occupied Athens during World War II. She also aided the escape of three other Cohens. One of the survivors, Michel Cohen, was too overcome to speak at the moving ceremony of prayers

Armed gang kidnaps Algerian journalist

ALGIERS (AFP) - An armed gang has kidnapped an Algerian journalist, Kaddour Bousselham, with two other people, in the latest of a wave of attacks on the media by Suspected Islamic extremists. press reports said Monday. Mr. Bousselham, 47, who works for the government daily Horisons, was abducted Overnight Saturday at Hacine near Mascara, 250 kilometres southwest of the capital, He was seized from the tent he bas been living in with his wife and six children since an carthquake shook the region in August. The gang, some 50 strong, also kidnapped (wo other people, including a school watchman, and set fire several public buildings, reluding the town hall, the



Officials, businessmen explore investment in Middle East

Casablanca summit gets down to business

LOFTY WORDS of Mideast peace gave way to the nuts and bolts of foreign investment Monday as government and business leaders from 65 countries sought ways to boost the region's capitalstarved econom

More than 2,500 pertici-pents in the inaugural Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit opened panel discussions on topics ranging from capital markets and foreign investment to tourism and information technology.

"The money is available. It's a matter of creating the proper environment for stability and profitability," Percy Barnevik, head of the Swiss-Swedish engineering company ASEA Brown Boveri, told Monday morning's session.

Use of the region's scarce water resources is high on the list of problems that the region could solve through greater cooperation among Israel and Arab states. "We don't talk about it

much, but water is really the crucial issue." Mr. Barnevik said.

Banking, media business. the environment, dropping trade barriers and boosting the Palestinian economy are also under discussion at the summit which aims to unite the fractious region by creating interdependent econo-

Combined agency dispatches mies and raising the standard of living in some of the

world's poorest countries. The summit marks the first time Israeli and Arab officials and investors meet to formulate specific investment and cooperation projects.

The Israeli delegation said it was bringing 150 business proposals from the private sector worth \$25 billion. In Monday's developments

at the summit: Israeli Transport Minister Israel Kessar said his country and Jordan had agreed to set up a joint commission to de-

velop transport links. The commission will meet for the first time on Nov. 19 and 20 in Tel Aviv and will discuss ways to develop "road, port and rail links," Mr. Kessar said after talks with Jordanian officials. A second meeting will be held in Amman.

Norwegian company director Terje Osmundsen said his country came to the conference with a "special interest" in investing in the region, having brokered secret talks with Israel and the PLO which led to the declaration of principles on autonomy in

September 1993. His company Kvaerner, the biggest private engineering company in Norway, is holding meetings with Israel and Jordan to discuss desalination projects and a canal between the Dead Sea and Mediterranean. A Jordanian tourism offi-

cial said he had high hopes of luring investors to his coun-The Jordan Rift Valley and

the port of Aqaba are a priority area for development by both Jordan and Israel. "We have already had ID

120 million worth of applications for projects. Southeast Asian companies are competing for a footbold in the Middle East which is good for us," said the Jordanian offi-

"A Thai company, Global Capital Inc. are talking about an idea for a 'City of the Bible' — like Disneyland but telling the history of the Bible. We are very interested."

Fwad Khalil, Egypt's road and bridges chairman, is looking for investment to build thousands of kilometres of roads to link northern and southern, eastern and western Arab countries together. "Since 1948 this has been

impossible because we could not go through Israel," Mr. Khahl said. "We need \$600 million for

a 7.000-kilometre road linking Cairo to Mauritania, and another \$400 million for a 1,200-kilometre road from Egypt up to Turkey.
"If all the Arab countries

and Israel join together and ask. I think we will get it." However, Khalil Shehab,

of British investment com-

velopment Agency and will (Continued on page 7)

affects the economy still puts them off," said Mr. Shehab, who is looking for investment opportunites for Arab and

pany Sims UK, said business-

men were still wary of invest-

Political instability which

ing in the region.

Western companies at the conference. "if Israel reaches peace

with Syria and Lebanon then it will be much easier to invest and everyone will be

Canadian Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet said Canada is creating a \$60 million development fund to aide the North African countries of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement at a meeting with Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat.

"The fund represents the very purpose of the Casablanca summit, which is to consolidate peace by strengthening economic cooperation and development," Mr. Onellet said. "A dynamic private sector operating in a competitive environment stimulates economic growth and job creation, thus raising the standard of living across

all sectors of society. The fund is financed by the Canadian International De-

Jordan committed to free market economy, expanded private sector — Prince

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By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

JORDAN IS committed to expanding free marketoriented reforms already under way in the Kingdom, which is also developing a progressive transparent regulatory system, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has told the Middle East/ North Africa Economic Summit in Casablanca.

Addressing the plenary session of the summit. attended by representatives of 60 governments and more than 2,000 businessmen and officials from all over the globe, the Crown Prince said Jordan encourages foreign investment and works closely with the private sector.

The Crown Prince, who is leading the Jordanian delegation to the unprecedented summit where Arab, Israeli and international politicians and businessmen are discussing means to develop the economies of the Middle East and North Africa, said Jordan envisaged "a Middle East without barriers where private enterprise becomes the engine of growth."

"The free movement of goods, services, capital and labour is our aim," he said. "A free trade area and eventually a common market from the Atlantic to the Gulf will make North Africa and the Middle East one of the fastest growing areas in the world," he said

The Crown Prince noted that the region he referred to represents about 250 million people and a total gross domestic product of \$580 billion, and, if Turkey and Iran were to be included, would mean 370 million people with

"Each nation has to evolve its appropriate model," said the Crown Prince. "Common features or prerequisites are: Good macroeconomic management and broadly based educational systems.

Noting that the countries of the Middle East and North Africa region are not represented under a single United Nations development agency, the Crown Prince said: "This indicates a fragmented U.N. institutional framework which has to be addressed in any vision of a new Middle East and North Africa."

The Crown Prince said Jordan was a firm believer in the idea to set up a regional development bank and noted that U.S. President Bill Clinton, during his Oct. 26-27 visit to Jordan, endorsed the establishment of such a body.

"This is not a call for inefficiency or the waste of resources or charity," said the Crown Prince. "Rather it points to the need for a new regional ethos. The report of the secretary-general of U.N. on 'An Agenda for Peace' has pointed out that global defence expenditures at the end of the last decade had approached \$1 trillion a year,

or \$2 million per minute. "A few days worth of such expenditures can deal for example with the human legacy of conflict through an integrated human resource at the regional level."

"We are privatising our economy, and already more of Jordan's industry is in the hands of private investors than ever before," he said. "We encourage foreign investments, and we plan to work closely with the private sector to identify priorities for improvement in all these

areas. The Jordanian delegation to the conference is presenting proposals for projects, both national and regional worth \$18 billion. Some of the megaprojects include a pipeline/canal to link the Red Sea with the Dead Sea to address ecological problems as well as to meet water and energy needs through desalination and hydro-electric power generation.

Tourism is another major area where Jordan is proposing projects with more than \$1.2 billion.

On the sidelines of the conference, Prince Hassan on Sunday and Monday met with senior Arab and foreign officials leading their coun-

See page 7 for full text of the Crown Prince's speech

"The Middle East has been the major market for international arms supplies, and the theatre for massive human suffering," the Crown Prince recalled

The Prince also noted that Jordan had interacted closely with the multilateral working groups of the Middle East peace process because of the conviction that peace should go hand in hand with regional cooperation. During the next meeting of the regional economic working group in Amman in mid-1995, Jordan plans to explore additional means to integrate the pri-

vate sector in the work of the multilaterals, he said. The Crown Prince noted that the European Union rates Jordan as "the most advanced country in the region in implementing marketoriented economic reforms,'

Arab World.

and that Jordan had the

largest stock exchange in the

tries' delegations to the sum-

On Monday, Prince Hassan met with Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller for talks on Jordanian-Turkish relations and regional cooperation.

Ms. Ciller voiced her government's support for the Middle East peace process and described the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty which was signed Wednesday as a real step towards achieving a comprehensive and lasting peace in the region.

with China's deputy foreign minister, the head of the Swedish delegation to the conference and Japan's deputy foreign minister in separate meetings.

The talks at these meetings focussed on bilateral relations and the support these countries can offer to peace

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House expected to begin floor debate of Jordan-Israel peace treaty next week

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Foreign Affairs Committee at the Lower House of Parliament will in a matter of days present its recommendations on the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty to the House, which will start debating it early next week, well-informed parhamentary sources said Monday.

The committee, which vesterday held two meetings with government officials on the "technical aspects" of the treaty, will tomorrow discuss the political dimensions of the accord with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, the committee's president, Deputy Abdul Karim Al Kabariti (Aqaba), told the Jordan

The treaty, which the government presented to the House as a draft law on Saturday, was referred to the committee Sunday after a short debate in which the opposition attacked it as an unconstitutional accord that falls short of realising Jorda-

nian and Arab rights. Forty-seven out of 73 depunes present at Sunday's referring the treaty to the committee, while only 19 lawmakers supported the Islamic Action Front's (IAF) motion to reject it. The 23-member Foreign

Affairs Committee, in which all the House blocs are represented, began its meeting with a speech from Mr. Kabariti, who urged his colleagues to deal with the treaty with "an open heart and mind and away from attempts to make ideological stands which can be made in the House when debate of the treaty begins."

He told the committee members, who include three IAF deputies, that the duty of the panel was to study all aspects of the accord, gather information about it and then present its views to the

"Before we start," Mr. Kabariti said, "let's agree that there is a deep-rooted heritage of enmity and hatred between us and the idea of an Israeli entity." That, he said, manifested in many expressions and stands that have formed "our collective conscience for the past de-

But today the country stands at a threshold of an historic era, which, with the ratification of the treaty, will lead to the birth of a future governed by the logic of peace. Mr. Kabariti said.

The logic of peace conflicts with the mentality of war in that it celebrates heroism and patriotism to protect life and development while the mentality of war urges heroism and patriotism at the expense of life and development," said Mr. Kabariti, a leading member of the National Democratic Coali-

Mr. Kabariti urged his colleagues at the committee to differentiate between the Palestinian cause and the Jordanian cause in dealing with the treaty.

This is not the place to discuss the Palestinian cause, even though it will remain a national and Islamic concern in our conscience," he said. He said the concern today was with the Jordanian cause. and "this is the place to dis-

Stressing that "he who chose Jordan as his homeland for ever, with its leadership,

borders rights and duties, is the Jordanian," Mr. Kabariti urged members of the committee to be "true to our Jordanian identity and debate the treaty with that in

The House debate of the accord is expected to be marked by tension as the opposition, led by the IAF, has asserted it will "fight (the peace treaty) with all our power," before the House takes a vote on it. The House cannot intro-

duce any changes to the treaty to which the Kingdom entered on Oct. 26, with its choices limited to either approving or rejecting it. But parliamentary sources

said the House can make recommendations which the government can take into consideration in the bilateral talks it is holding with Israel on economic and development issues. The government has said these talks could take up to nine months before they are finalised.

The treaty will go into effect as law after Parliament ratifies it and His Majesty King Hussein signs it into

Israeli army spy chief in 'secret Syria talks'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -Israel's military intelligence chief General Uri Saguy has been involved in regular, clandestine meetings with senior Syrian army officers, a newspaper reported Monday.

The Haaretz daily said that the security talks had been going on for more than one year in European capitals and occasionally, for convenience sake, in Lebanon through Egyptian mediation. The newspaper did not say

if Gen. Saguy took part personally, only that he "accom-panied" the meetings. His activities are covered by the military censor. According to Haaretz, Gen. Baruch Spiegel, head of

the liaison with foreign armies, heads the Israeli side. The Syrian officers were led by Gen. Adnan Tayara. He took part in negotiations on security arrangements between the two countries in 1974, a year after the October war in the Middle East when Syria failed to recap-

ture the Golan Heights it lost

in the 1967 conflict. He died

in April this year. Haaretz quoted Israeli sources as saying the channel was "very important" and was linked to frequent discussions between the two countries' ambassadors in

Washington. However, Israeli ambassador Itamar Rabinovich refused to comment on the report, aithough he has acknowledged the meetings with Mualaam.

Syria has steadfastly denied periodic reports of secret talks with Israel and

spurned Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabain's pleas for open contact at the highest level. Haaretz said at least one of the meetings overseen by

Gen. Saguy took place in Rome between Nov. 19-24 last year and was mediated by Egypt. Haaretz said Israel's team to the meetings held in Leba-

non and Europe over the last

year was headed by Gen.

Spiegel and the Syrian team by Gen. Tayara. Mr. Rabin's spokesman Oded Ben-Ami and Israel's army spokesman refused to comment on the report.

More than three years of peace talks between Syria and Israel and stalled over the scope of peace and the extent and timing of Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

U.S. President Bill Clinton said he achieved progress in. talks last week with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad but declined to elaborate. Israel underlined the Sy-

rian role on Sunday saying it was interested in promoting peace moves with Lebanon but stressed that Syria held the key to their success. Uri Dromi, an Israeli government spokemsan, de-

scribed as interesting Lebanese President Elias Hrawi's proposal for a joint Israeli-Lebanese committee on setting a timeframe for Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon within six

months (see page 2).
"But we have been through this before and we know that nothing happens in Lebanon without Syria's approval," Mr. Dromi told Reuters.

Iraq says Israel is behind bombings

BAGHDAD (Agencies) -Iraq on Monday accused Israel of having ordered the bombing that killed four people at a church here. "Such criminal acts, which

have evil goals, can only have been perpetrated by agents of the Israeli secret service, Mossad," Iraq's official Al Qadissiyah newspaper said of Sunday's attack The newspaper also accused Isreal of trying "to turn

Iraq into a second Lebanon." where rival militias fought each other in the 1975-1990 civil war. It was the first time Iraq blamed Israel for one of a number of bombings here in

the last several years that it normally attributes to pro-Iranian agents. Three policemen and a church caretaker were killed when one of the officers tried to defuse a bomb shortly after mass on Sunday, the

official Iraqi News Agency

(INA) and witnesses said. INA said the church caretaker found a suspicious package - a box of baby milk formula with the bomb concealed inside - in the Virgin Mary Chaldean Church in the Karrada district of the capital and alerted

police. "Such criminal acts will not tarnish Iraq's image and will not undermine the unity of its people," Al Qadissiyah said It warned "the Zionists and

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Lebanon recaptures peace initiative

BEIRUT (AFP) — Buoyed by the prospects of progress on the Syrian-Israeli track of the Middle East peace negotiations. Lebanon is trying to recapture the initiative in its own peace talks with Israel.

After eight months of deadlock, Lebanese Presi-dent Elias Hrawi offered on Saturday to halt all attacks in South Lebanon for six months in return for a pledge from the Jewish state to with-

Mr. Hrawi said Lebanon was "willing to accept the initiative of Israeli Prime Minister (Yitzhak Rabin) and set up immediately a military and political commission with Israel to negotiate with Israel for six months."

'I commit myself that during this six-month period not a single shot will be fired at Israel, so long as the Jewish state commits itself to a total withdrawal according to a timetable to be agreed," he

Israeli troops have been deployed in South Lebanon since 1978 in defiance of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for their immediate and unconditional withdrawal.

Since 1978, Israel has occu-pied an 1,000-squarekilometre "security zone" to protect its north.

Mr. Rabin had proposed in August an Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon over nine months if Lebanon first disarmed the Iranian-backed Hizbollah guerrillas, which have waged an almost daily

war against Israeli troops. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fares Bouez had dismissed that proposal saying Israel was asking Lebanon to "sell off cheaply" the only card in its hands with nothing in re-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Isla-

mic Action Front (IAF) on

Monday issued a statement

condemning the Middle East

and North Africa Economic

Summit in Casablanca as very

dangerous to the Arab and

Islamic nations, charging that

it was convened solely to

benefit the Israeli economy.

General Ishak Farhan, the

statement said the Arab and

Islamic nations should "be-

ware of the consequences of

implementing this confer-

ence's resolutions and recom-

mendations as they are

Noting that the conference

was being attended by a large

Israeli delegation including

Prime Minister Yitzhak

that the meeting "marks a the first dangerous results of

clear sign on the part of the the peace treaties signed with

Rabin, the statement said

their economies

Signed by IAF Secretary-

The Lebanese authorities have repeatedly said the Isla-mic Resistance Movement, Hizbollah's armed wing which enjoys Syrian backing, had a right to fight an end to the occupation of Lebanese

Beirut is in fact proposing to deploy the Lebanese army, backed by U.N. peacekeepers already deployed in South Lebanon, at the international border.

Officials here said Mr. Hrawi's offer was not new but the timing was right. "It is not a new proposal

but the fact that it is being made now is not fortuitous a high-ranking official told AFP on Sunday, and linked the offer to the results of last Thursday's summit in Damascus between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and U.S. President Bill Clin-

Lebanon is convinced that progress is being made on the Syrian-Israeli peace track and that this would reflect on Lebanon whose fate has been linked to Syria's since May 1991, under a treaty of friendship and cooperation.

"Lebanon has now a margin of manoeuvre because it is the first time that Assad spoke of 'normal relations with Israel," the official said, referring to remarks Mr. Assad made at a joint press conference with Mr. Clinton.

"A very big step was taken during Clinton's visit to Damascus," the official said. Mr. Clinton has said progress but no breakthrough was made during his visit to Syria, while Mr. Assad spoke of

"fruitful and positive talks."
On Sunday U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said "substantial progress"

organisers to ensure an end

to the Arab boycott of

Noting that the conference

was preceded by a decision on the part of Arab Gulf

states to end a boycott

against companies dealing

with Israel, the statement

said that any move to end the

boycott will be illegal and in

violation of the Arab

statement at the conference

that there was no more sepa-

rate Israeli economy and

Arab economy but rather A

statement said that this dec-

laration clearly reflects the

"U.S.-Israeli intention of im-

posing hegemony on the re-

"This declaration reflects

Referring to Mr. Rabin's

League's regulations. "

IAF condemns Casablanca economic summit



Elias Hrawi

was made, adding, however, it was logical for Syria and Israel to try and show that the progress was limited to reinforce their positions.

The Syrian-Israeli talks have been deadlocked over the scope and timing of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights which Israel seized in 1967.

"The situation in South Lebanon is much simpler than on the Golan Heights because Israel has no settlements or heavy weapons deployed permanently in the south," a Lebanese political observer said.

Steir seeks French help

Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir, named Sunday as one of 30 new cardinals to be appointed next month by Pope John Paul II, called on France to help his

the Zionist enemy and consti-

tutes a clear penetration of

the Arab and Islamic world,

underlining U.S. hegemony

on the Arab oil wealth," it

Arab common market failing

to rise after decades of its

initiation while the so-called

Middle East economic pro-

ject is fast emerging as a fact,

with American backing and

American drive to ensure a

strong Israeli economy," it

to see Arab and Muslim na-

with Israel with the exclusion

of Iraq, Syria, Libya and Iran

and with Iraq and Libya con-

tinuing to be subjected to

unjust embargos," the state-

This conference, it said,

ment added.

"What is more surprising is

"It is surprising to see the

independence."
Mr. Sfeir, who will be the third successive Maronite patriarch to become a cardinal, told a French television station after arriving in Paris for a three-day official visit Sunday: "We hope that France will aid Lebanon to recover its independence, its sovereignty and its freedom of decision.

native Lebanon "recover its

During his visit to France, Mr. Sfeir is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and Foreign Minister Alain Juppe. It is his first visit to France since

The two other Maronite cardinals were Mr. Sfeir's immediate predecessors, Antoine Pierre Khoraiche and Paul Meouchi.

Mr. Sfeir, 74, the son of a wealthy Lebanese land owner, was ordained into the priesthood in 1950 and became bishop in 1961. He became patriarch of Antioch in

He is widely active in Lebanese Christian affairs and as head of the Maronite church in Lebanon played a leading tole in trying to encourage dialogue between the country's various warring parties during the 15-year war that ended in 1990.

He is the spiritual leader of some five million Maronites living in Lebanon and abroad, mainly in France, the United States, Brazil and Au-

Maronites are Christians who mainly live in Lebanon and are followers of Saint Maron, a fourth century monk who founded the sect.

Dame cathedral Sunday.

this weekend at the new bridge, the bulldozers and the Israeli and Jordanian soldiers chatting to each other, some were wondering. Would peace with Jordan

Mr. Sfeir celebrated mass with Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger in Paris's Notre

at the local, regional and international levels."

An Iranian newspaper also

condemned the economic

conference in Casablanca.

telling Arab states they

should not allow-Israel into

The Tehran Times said an

Israeli role in Arab markets

would only benefit the Jewish

their sister companies in the U.S. will establish an econo-

mic imperialism over Arab

lands which will entail further

economic misery for the

Arab people," said the pap-

er, quoted by the official

their markets.

"I see that sign saying 'wel-come to Israel,' and I get butterflies in my stomach. This is terrific," exclaimed Shlomo Schwartz, who drove of the institution of the Arab 100 kilometres from the League and an illegal ter-Israeli coast to see for himself mination of the Arab boycott Saturday. of Israel and poses a grave But Mr. Schwartz, a fordanger to the Arab economy

SHEIKH HUSSEIN BRIDGE (AP) — They came by the carload, day-tripping couples with children and grandparents, to gaze at a bridge on the Jordan River

that leads, so they hope, to a

But among the hordes of

Israeli sightseers staring agog

would be like the 15-year-old

peace with Egypt, cold and

shining future.

distant?

mer soccer star, sometimes found himself at odds with other, more sceptical sight-Over and over, people

similar crowds on the other The question reflects a

asked why there were no

fear, rooted in the experience with Egypt, that the other side may not share their enthusiasm about the peace

Israelis often complain that Egypt, despite exchanging ambassadors and opening its borders, keeps the Jewish state at arm's length. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak never visits here, they fret. "practically marks the demise Iranian news agency IRNA. | Trade is at a trickle. Israeli

Egyptian visitors 7-1 with 118,000 Israelis visiting Egypt and 16,200 Egyptians visiting Israel so far this year.

Israeli excitement tinged with unease

tourists to Egypt outnumber

ARMED SHOPPING: Heavily armed fighters loyal to Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani ride in the boot of their commander's car while shopping during a hall in

Israeli officials insist that with Jordan, things will be different; that King Hussein pointedly speaks of "a warm peace"; that Egypt and Israel have the vast Sinai desert between them, while Israelis and Jordanians have lived side by side in peace and war.

Albert Cohen, a tour bus driver who lives in nearby Beit Shean, remembered how he used to gaze through a rifle scope at the other side, wondering what kind of people lived there.

The Sheikh Hussein Bridge lies on an ancient east-west trade route across the Jordan River 20 kilometres south of the Sea of Galilee. It was blown up in 1948.

Construction workers have spent five hectic weeks clearing away the old bridge and building the new one. A 3.7hectare customs terminal is going up: "Welcome to Israel" and speed limit signs have already gone up in Arabic, Hebrew and English.

"Paving the peace," say government billboards along a narrow road which is being widened to accommodate dozens of Jordanian cargo a day, oddiid for

Israeli ports. "I only hope it's a real peace," said Adva Gat, who brought her four-year-old daughter to the site. "What's certain is that our daughter will grow up with a very

different feeling about Jor-

dan from the one we grew up "We very much hope we

are making peace with a nation, and not with a man," said her husband, Tomer, a student. "You have to try," Mr. Schwartz said. "We've had

ceasefires, truces, armistices, disengagement agreements, but we've never had a chance to try peace. Now's the Mr. Cohen, the bus driver, agreed. He said he used to

him. "If this thing succeeds, I'll move over to Yitzhak Rabin," he said. "This is history. This is wonderful," exclaimed David Korman, an insurance sales-

back the right-wing Likud

Party, but peace had changed

"The moment they open the border I'm dropping everything, jumping in the car and going to Jordan."

This eagerness is natural for a country cooped up for much of its history behind closed, hostile borders.

"When something is closed to you for so long, forbidden, off-limits, it makes you all the more curious to see it," said Naomi Truman, a kibbutznik, from nearby collective farm settlement of Kibbutz Deganya Bet.

I've lived in this valley for 30 years," said her husband, Matti. "I've spent many nights in the bomb shelters with my children, and I never imagined something like this

years ago, there was but a

than 70 attacks and acts of

sabotage against French colo-

nial targets were staged

They marked the start of a

tightly disciplined insurrec-

tion organised by the Nation-

al Liberation Front that led

to independence for Algeria

The uprising 40 years ago took France — still reeling from its 1954 defeat at Dien

Bien Phu in Vietnam --- com-

pletely by surprise, as none of

its ringleaders had been

known to French intelli-

The war in Algeria was

eventually to take the lives of

throughout Algeria.

on July 3, 1962.

Sinai blooms with drug plants

the south Kabul frontlines (see page 12) (AFP

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's Sinai desert became the country's main source of drugs this year after Lebanon cracked down on areas that grew cannabis and poppy, the head of the anti-drug squad said.

The security services have seized 138 million poppy plants (source of opium and heroin) and seven million cannabis plants (hashish) in the Sinai since the beginning of 1994," General Essam Al Tirsawi told a conference on

Security forces confiscated a total of 90 million plants of both varieties the previous year, the Interior Ministry official added. "The increase is due to the

fact that the quantity of drugs smuggled by traffickers from Lebanon into Egypt has dramatically decreased since the. restrictions imposed by the Lebanese and Syrian authorities," he added. "The Sinai has become the

main source of drugs in Egypt," Gen. Tirsawi said. Until now Egypt consumed rather than exported drugs,

Cairo, home to 15 million inhabitants or about one fourth of the total population

drugs seized in Egypt represented one fifth of the total amount of drugs smuggled

the previous year, he said. It is easier to grow illicit

15,110 people were referred to courts in 1993 on charges of drug trafficking or drug consumption against 13,782

labour.

Mohammad Al Salakawi, of the national centre for

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of Egypt, "absorbs 60 per cent of the drug trade in Egypt," Gen. Tirsawi said. He said the quantity of

into the country.
In 1993 around 91 kilogrammes of heroin were seized, 50 per cent more than

plants in the Sinai desert because it is sparsely populated. Egyptian security forces have carried out a dozen of large-scale operations in the Sinai since the the beginning of 1994, Gen. Tirsawi said. He also reported that

in 1992. Drug traffickers risk the death sentence under a 1989 law while users risk hard

scientific research, said "one per cent of Egypt youths use drugs but the number of real addicts is lower."

Algeria set to mark anniversary of its war for independence Algiers and in the Jijel re-For Algerian activists 40

ALGIERS (AFP) - Rav- / aged by political violence and facing a perilous future, Algeria on Tuesday marks the start of its independence struggle 40 years ago, recalling a lost epoch of exhilarating national solidarity and

Having fought to win its freedom from France in a seven-year war that began; Nov. 1, 1954, the country since January 1992 has been in the throes of a bloody internal conflict between government forces and Islamic militants.

By an unofficial count taken over the last two months, 440 armed militants have been killed. According to official figures limited to the period from February. 1992 to December 1993, the conflict claimed the lives of 10,000 people and did two billion dollars' worth of dam-

Not surprisingly, Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi has said this year's independence ceremonies will take place. "in sobriety, recollection and reflection.

But he stressed that they should also-show the commitment of the Algerian people "to rooting out the destabi-lisation" that threatens the nation, a reference to the clash between the government and militant Islamic

The violence erupted after authorities cancelled a second round of legislative elections in January 1992 that Islam-inspired candidates were poised to win.

On Sunday the government and the militants har-

dened their positions, issuing provocative statements that acknowledged a breakdown

The media here published

In a FIS statement received

French and Arabic gave max-imum prominence Sunday to Mr. Zeroual's statement and predicted a stiffening of the government's attitude to the "There are increasing signs

of a new turn of the ratchet that could see the FIS leaders sent back to prison," the Tribune wrote. Mr. Madani and Mr.

Belhadj, released from prison Sept. 13 in hopes that a dialogue with the government would ensue, are demanding freedom for all their militants as well as the right to meet their partisans openly in order to debate a possible

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gion, 200 kilometres to the single enemy: France. In the early hours of Nov. 1 more east. In some districts around

the capital they have imposed a ban on co-educational school classes, music and sales of newspapers and have required women to wear scarves covering their hair. The groups in recent weeks

have cranked up the level of violence. Six journalists have been murdered in the past month, as have eight fore-

The government meanwhile must also grapple with political discontent on the part of militant Berbers living in the Kabylia region of eastern Algeria. Students and teachers have been boycotting classes since early October, demanding recognition of their language.

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INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT**

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WEATHER Bulletin supplied by the Depart-ment of Melecrology.

Unstable weather conditions will Unstable weather conditions will prevail, so it will be dusty with a chance of thunder showers, and winds becoming southesterly moderate to active. In Aqaba, skies will be partly cloudly with a chance of thunder showers. Winds will be southerly moderate and seas rough.

Min./Max. temp. Amman 21/31 Aqaba 21/31 Deserts 13/29 in negotiations and appeared to point to an escalation in the fighting. Hours after a statement by

President Liamine Zeroual accusing the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) of promoting terrorism, Mohammad Lamari, army chief of staff and a hardline opponent of Islamic radicals, was promoted to the newly created rank of lieutenantgeneral.

A Defence Ministry statement announced Gen. Lamari's promotion and that of four other generals to the rank of major-general as au-thorities continued a crackdown against the militants, killing nine in separate raids on Friday and Saturday.

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a message from Gen. Lamari to his forces in which he urged his men, "at whatever cost and sacrifice," to mobilise against "the obscurantist and retrograde" forces.

in Bonn, Gen. Lamari was denounced as "a criminal," responsible for "threats and calls to terror." The communique also called on Mr. Zeroual to resign if he proved unable to end the killings.

The president late Saturday disclosed that negotiations between the government and FIS leaders Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj had reached a stalemate. He accused the two, both currently under house arrest, of continuing to "encourage terrorism and extremism. The Algerian press in both

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ROTARIAN VISIT: His Majesty King Hussein Monday neceives at the Royal Court Carlo Ravizza, chairman of the international Rotary Club, and an accompanying delega-tion Mr. Ravinza extended to the King an invitation to be keynote speaker at an International Rotary Chib

conference due to be held in Nice, France, in June next year. Mr. Ravizza said the invitation to King Hussein was extended in a show of appreciation on the part of the world rotarians for the King's continued efforts towards the establishment of a just and permanent peace in the Middle East region (Petra photo)

Jordanian, Croatian commerce groups to sign economic cooperation agreement

pecial to the Jordan Times AMMAN - An agreement on economic coopcration between the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce and the Creatian Chamber of Economy will be signed on Thursday, according to Federation President Mohammad Astour on

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The agreement, which may be joined by the Bosnian Chamber of Economy, "if the Bosnian side expresses its wish to do so," pays special attention to investment projects and commercial cooperation between Crossis and Jor-

The protocol foresces cooperation in the fields of trade and maritime arbitration, trademark registration, patent application and mutual assistance in the case of business disputes. cooperation at fairs as well as the periodic exchange of economic, trade and law mornation, and common ofessional seminars and trade conferences.

As part of a one-week trade mission to Jordan, about a dozen Croatian officials and businesspersons met with their Jordanian counterparts here Monday.

Mr. Asfour welcomed the Croatian representatives and expressed his hope for peace in Croatia and its neighbouring countries. He said the trade balance between the two countries was still in favour of Croatia and that efforts should be made to equalise

"Jordan's industry is be-coming prominent," said Mr. Asfour, "Jordanians are industrious, our prices are very competitive and the standards of production are high. There is no reason why we shouldn't . increase our exports to

Croatia's exports to Jordan, mainly pharmaceuticals, textiles, sweets and paper, went up from JD 144,000 in 1992 to JD

653,000 in 1994, while Jordan's exports to Croatia, limited to tomatoes and domestic fuel heaters, were zero in 1992 and JD 29,000

Vjekoslav Tomasic, director of international relations at the Croatian Chamber of Economy in Zagreb, stressed the importance of trilateral economic cooperation between Croatia, Bosnia and Jordan, adding that a trilateral trade delegation had already met with U.S. officials in September.

Mr. Tomasic said that due to its geographic location in the west of the country, Croatian industry had suffered relatively little damage from the war in former Yugoslavia,

"Our damages amounted to \$900 million, while the. entire war damages amount to an estimated \$20 billion, Mr. Tomasic explained.

He said there were good reasons for foreign investment in Croatia, particularly because the Croatian

government makes no distinction between domestic and foreign investors, who are allowed to own a 100 per cent share in Croatia.

Further advantges, according to Mr. Tomasic, were Croatia's geographical position in the centre of south east Europe, its traditional business ties with the countries of Western Europe, its liberal legal framework, the skilled labour force, low wages (\$200-\$300/month) and low corporate taxes (\$25%).

The Croatian representatives, all of them from the electronic industries, Monday also met Mohammad Smadi, secrettary general of Jordan's Ministry of Industry and Trade,

Dr. Smadi stressed the importance of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty to ensure a secure climate that can attract foreign inves-After the talks at the

ministry, the Croatian dele-

gates met individually with

Jordanian counterparts.

Last Jordanian political detainee arrives from Syria

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian Baathist activist Dafi Jamaani, released on Sunday from a Syrian jail after 23 years of incarceration. has returned to his family home in Madaba, family members said.

Mr. Jamaani, 67, was the last of Jordanian Baathist leaders who were put in prison when Hafez Al Assad staged a bloodless coup in Syria, toppling President Noureddine Al Atassi and assuming power in 1971.

President Assad, who released some of the detainees in the mid-70s, steadfastly rejected all appeals for the release of the rest until recently.

Three other Jordanians

Baathist leaders detained along with Mr. Jamaani were released in 1992 and 1993. They were Mjalli Nasraween, Yousef Bourji and Hakam Al Fayez. Hassan Khatib, who was detained for his Palestinian national activities, was also released late last year.

Ex-president Atassi was freed last year when he fell seriously ill; he died in a Paris hospital shortly there-

There was no immediate explanation why the Syrian leadership decided to free Mr. Jamaani, but the release fitted into a pattern that analysts believe stemmed from a belief in Damascus that none of the old guard leadership of the Baathists posed any serious threat to the regime of President Assad.

All the Jordanians detained by President Assad, who was an army colonel when he staged the 1971 coup, were members of the pan-Arab leadership of the Baathist Party who did not agree with his coup or his single-handed leadership of the country. Also detained were some Iraqis and Syrians as well as other

The Associated Press identified those remaining in Syrian detention as Mohammad Ashawi, who was interior minister under Mr. Atassi, Abdul Hami Mouqdad and Fawzi



Dafi Jamaani

Ridha. It said they were all

Syrian. Following the coup in Damascus, the pan-Arab leadership of the Baathist Party split. A pro-Iraqi wing of the leadership moved to Baghdad asserting it represented the legitimate party and challenged the pro-Syrian faction. This rivalry was partly

President Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Each claims he represents the legitimate pan-Arab leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party

and maintains political parties under the same names as this power base.
The release of the Jordanian Baathists detained in Syria was a key demand of many Jordanian groups for

years. At several points, His Majesty King Hussein also intervened, but President Assad did not relent. Until his arrest on June 25, 1971, Mr. Jamaani had been deputy general com-mander of Palestine Liberation Organisation forces. Before entering political life, he had served as a high-ranking officer in

the Jordanian army. Ten Jordanians, mainly students who were rounded up in the early 1980s, are still imprisoned in Syrian. Furthermore, there are Hatem Zureikat, incarcirated in 1978 and Sa'id Hatamleh, in detention since 1984.



Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Monday visits the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss cooperation between the ministry and the private sector

Majali sees tourism as network of services; urges ministry cooperation with private sector

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul Salam Maiali Monday said that tourism is not just set of archaeological sites which visitors want to see, but rather a network involving administrative, recreational and other services such as transport and communications which should be placed at the disposal of tour-

Speaking during a visit to the Ministry of Tourism, Dr. Majali urged ministry officials to collaborate closely with the private sector in

promoting the tourism indus-try and better utilising the Kingdom's treasures of archaeological and historical attractions.

was expected to attract more investors in this industry with beneficial results for the national economy.

To succeed in such an endeavour, the prime minister said, the tourism ministry like all the other government departments should abolish bureaucratic formalities and

to confront the requirements of the coming stage and create the proper climate for investment by local, Arab and foreign investors.

The peace treaty signed with Israel last Wednesday, he added, opens the way for better opportunities for social and economic growth and openness to the outside world.

The premier said the peace treaty has secured the restoration of Jordan's sovereignty over its lost land

complicated routine in order and water resources and marked the end of long sufferings for the Jordanian people. It has opened the door for the Jordanians to dedicate their potentials and their efforts towards construction and attaining progress and development in the new era of peace.

> Minister of State and acting Tonrism Minister Abdullah Jazi was present at the meeting along with members of the ministry's planning com-

Women NGO officers to discuss joint plan for Arab World report to Beijing conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Women isson officers from nonovernmental organisations NGOs) operating in the And World will convene in Amman Triesday to discuss a posed joint plan for these primisations ahead of a standary general meeting by the same groups on Nov. 3.
Haita Abu Ghazaleh, presden of the General Federaion of Jordanian Women (GFJW), said the liaison ficers will refer their findand the joint plan to the delegates representing NGOs and representatives of regional and international e-day meening.

The Nov. 3 meeting is

scheduled to include 40 workshops dealing with issues of concern to women and their development and participation in socio-economic life. and will be held under the theme "equality, development and peace.

GFJW sources said that the 750 delegates will focus on women's status in the Arab World in general as part of preparations for the Arab World report to be submitted to World Conference on Women in next year.

On Oct. 25, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma announced that the national report on the status of women had been finalised and would be submitted to the Nov. 3 meeting here. She said the report covered

the following international relations and women's right, human rights, women under Islam, the role of women's organisations in promoting the women in socio-economic development, women in rural regions, women carrying out small size projects and women and the protection of the environment.

According to Dr. Abu Ghazalch, an exhibition will be organised on the sidelines of the meeting displaying different items of publications and brochures on women's lives in their respective countries.

presentation on Arab women's achievements, she

Dr. Abu Ghazaleh said the

Nov. 3 meeting will endorse the joint plan of action for Arab women to be held under the patronage of Princess Basma on Nov. 6. That five-day meeting will be attended by ministers of

and social development in the Arab World. Both the Nov. 3 and the Nov. 6 conferences are being organised in cooperation with the U.N. Economic and So-

cial Commission for Western

Asia (ESCWA).

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Jordan reform

(Continued from page 1)

in the region.
Prince Hassan met with the Swiss economy minister and discussed with him bilateral relations and Switzerland's future role in the region.

In addition, the Crown Prince received the vicepresident of the European Investment Bank. Discussion at the meeting focussed on means on enhancing Europe's involvement in the region and the future role of the bank in the Middle East.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and a delegation representing the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) joined the meeting.

At the expanded meeting, talks centred on visions and programmes for future proects that might be carried out on the guidelines of the Casablanca summit. The Crown Prince briefed

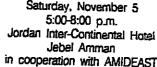
the gathering on the Jordanian economy and the problems that have been facing it, especially as a result of migrations, the most recent in the aftermath of the Gulf On Sunday, Prince Hassan

was the guest of honour at a dinner hosted by King Has-san II of Morocco for delegations participating in the con-ference. The Moroccan monarch lauded the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty and described it as a real accomplishment on the way to achieving real peace in the Middle East.

Prince Hassan also met with Canadian Foreign Minister Andre Ovellet and discussed with him ways of activating the international role in supporting the Middle East region.

1.5. UNIVERSITY FAIRS The Linden Tour

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HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Princess Basma visits policewomen's HQ

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday visited the policewomen's headquarters and dis-custed women's issues in the presence of Public Security Department (PSD) Director Abdul Rahman Udwan. The Princess urged the policewomen to participate in the Facial efforts to improve Jordanian women's status by employing their various acquired skills in the police force.

^{Ron-reside}nt envoy named to New Zealand

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree issued Monday approved the appointment of Hani Tabbarah as non-lesident ambassador to New Zealand. Mr. Tabbarah comently serves as the Kingdom's ambassador to Australia.

Another decree, also issued Monday, appointed Moham-

mad Abu Nowar as ambassador at the Foreign Ministry.

Panel meets on Abu Zant case

AMMAN (Petra) — A special committee, formed by the Lower House of Parliament to investigate the case of Deputy Abdul Mun'em Abu Zant who was attacked by unknown assailants at a mosque last Friday, Monday met under the chairmanship of House Speaker Saad Hayel Srour and discussed a mechanism for the committee's task. The committee also listened to comments by Interior Minister Salameh Hammad and Justice Minister Hisham Tell concerning the case. Sheikh Abu Zant was still in hospital at King Hussein Medical Centre, receiving treatment for injuries he sustained in the attack. Parliament has since issued a statement condemning the attack; the case is also being investigated by the judiciary.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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Lacture in Arabic entitled "What is New in U.S. Middle Sastern Foreign Policy" by Dr. Samir Mtawi' at Abdul Banced Shousan Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

Pay for children (in Arabic) entitled Hakaya Abu Al Alab" (Strange Stories) at the Royal Cultural Centre at 500 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

ton of are by Adman Al Sharif at Ab'ad Art

- A special exhibition of "Polluted City the Mounments" at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iman Khaled and Fawzi
 Rasoul at Baladna Art Gailery. Art exhibition by Olia Bseiso and an exhibition of Arabic
- calligraphy at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art. A Exhibition of textiles artisty and patchwork by Turdildoi Haddadin at the Gallery located at the Jordan Inter. Con-

tinental Hotel.

- Exhibition entitled "Spanish Modern Engraving and Multiplied Sculpture" at the Jordan National Gallery, Jabal Luweibdeh (Tei. 630128).
- th The First Computer Art Exhibition in the Arab World at Ain Art Gallery.

Kohl to have

knee operation

BONN (AFP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl is to have a knee operation in the near few weeks. one of his aides

said Monday. He said that the burly chancellor's busy

paign followed by current negotiations to renew his

centre-right coalition -- had

so far not allowed him the

time. Mr. Kohl, who weighs around 130 kilogrammes (280

pounds), was said to suffer a

pain in the knee if he had to

stand any length of time.

Asteroids crash

draws complaints

NEW YORK (R) - A fic-

tional news broadcast show-

ing gigantic asteroids crash-

landing on Earth took Americans by surprise Sunday, with TV viewers jamming CBS switchboards to find out

if their world was coming to

an end. "The calls are coming

in. They want to know if it's

real," said Rob Feiner, an

editing supervisor at the net-

work's New York affiliate.

Entitled Without Warning,

the programme attributed fic-

tional reports of global disas-

on Earth - TV

hoax

Seoul asks China's help over North Korean nuclear pact

Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng to play a constructive role in ensuring Communist North Korea kept its part of a nuclear deal with the United States.

"Kim asked Beijing to play a constructive role in supporting the accord and in getting the parties to adhere to the pact," a presidential spokesman told reporters after a meeting between Mr. Kim and Mr. Li.

He said Mr. Li, the most senior Communist Chinese official ever to visit South Korea, met Mr. Kim for private talks for an hour before expanded talks with cabinet

During the meeting, the two agreed inter-Korean talks should resume as early as possible, and that the issue could only be resolved between Seoul and Pyongyang.

The two agreed that the (U.S.-North Korean) nuclear pact and the emergence of a new North Korean leadership would provide opportunities to create fresh inter-Korean

bodia (Agencies) — A team of Cambodian police com-

mandos began searching to verify reports thart three

Western hotages had been murdered and buried, witnes-

Renter correspondents saw

30 to 40 heavily-armed com-

mandos carrying maps and

radios preparing to start their

a search team to investigate a

report giving the location of

the graves of the hostages,"

said government spokesman

Sieng Lapresse in Phnom

"They've reached the area

where they (hostages) are

supposed to be buried but

they have been unable to

begin searching because it

has to be cleared of mines

Briton Mark Slater, 28,

Jean-Michel Braquet, 27,

from France and David Wil-

son, 29, an Australian, were

taken hostage by the Khmer

Rouge on July 26 after a train

ambush in southern Kampot

province in which 13 people

No word of their fate has

been received since a

videotape and a letter were

Colombians

BOGOTA (R) - Col-

ombians voted for more than

12,500 mayors, councillors

and governors in relative

peace Sunday despite a guer-

rilla attack on a police patrol

and the burning of two buses. Defence Minister Fernan-

do Botero said the govern-

ment was satisfied with the

relative calm in which the

elections were being held

of unfortunate incidents...

but the normal progress of

elections has not been

affected in any way," he told

Marxist guerrillas attacked

a police patrol bringing poll-

ing booths to a town in central Risaralda province. Three

police officers and three civi-

bus in northern Cesar pro-

vince and another in the mid-

dle Magdalena River Valley.

and soldiers are supervising

the elections in towns and

cities throughout the country

as more than 17 million eligi-

ble voters go to the polls.

More than 250,000 police

Guerrillas also set fire to a

lians were wounded.

local radio.

'There have been a couple

throughout the country.

vote amid

rebel

attacks

first," he added.

The government has sent

ses said.

search.

In an agreement reached in Geneva, Washington said it would provide Pyongyang with light-water reactors to replace graphite reactors that produce plutonium, the key ngredient for making nuclear

North Korea in turn agreed to halt construction of two nearly completed reactors and to forgo reprocessing of spent uranium fuel rods. The West suspects North Korea of extracting weapons-grade plutonium from the spent rods to make bombs.

China is North Korea's only remaining major ally and South Korea hopes for Chinese support in defusing inter-Korean tensions.

South and North Korea are still technically at war since the end of the 1950-53 Koream War, in which China fought beside the Stalinist North against U.N. forces led by the United States.

Mr. Li, who arrived in Seoul Monday for a dive-day

South Korea's biggest com-panies, all of whom plan maor investments in China. visit with an 150-member en-Since the two countries tourage, hopes to strengthen economic ties between the established diplomatic relations in 1992, economic rela-

An artist works on a portrait of Cambodia's Penh in preparation for celebrations in honour monarch King Norodom Sihanouk in Phnom of his 72nd birthday (AFP photo)

Cambodians search for hostages' graves

received in Phnom Penh on

Sept. 2. Senior Cambodian army

officers have said the three

Westerners are probably

dead but the government de-nies this, saying there is no

firm evidence.

A senior Khmer Rouge de-

fector told Reuters Sunday

the three Westerners were

killed on the orders of a rebel

general who then contrived a

cover-up. "They were tied up

and shot by AK-47. I've

known this for a long time

but (General Noun) Pact

ordered my men to say they

were sent to the border," he

The army last week seized

Vine Mountain, where the

hostages were held after

being abducted, but there

was no sign of the three or of

Gen. Paet, the local Khmer

Paet has escaped and headed

west with a small bodyguard

unit. "We are searching for

Paet now - we've heard he's

crossed Route Three but

we're not sure," said army

small squad of soldiers in

Knach Prey Commune which

comprises several hamlets in-

MAPUTO (R) - Mozambi-

can President Joaquim Chis-

sano appealed Monday for

calm as unofficial results

trickled in from the country's

first elections since the end of

A fraction of the 7,500

polling stations, mainly in the

south dominated by Mr.

Chissano's ruling FRELIMO

party, showed the president and his party well ahead of former rebel leader Afonso

Dhiakama and his RE-

expected for two weeks, and analysts stressed it was far

too early to predict la solid

trend, especially in the coun-

try's north and centre where

RENAMO has traditionally

Mr. Chissano, in a front-page interview with the state-

run Noticias newspaper,

urged the nation to remain

to let yourselves be carried

away by speculation which

might lead to discouragement

or to fears about your safe-

ty," he said. While the elections passed

relatively peacefully, diplo-

mats and analysts have given

"I appeal to the public not

commanded support.

But final results are not

a 16-year civil war.

NAMO.

Mozambique's Chissano

appeals for post-poll calm

Capt. Toch commands a

The army believes Gen.

Rouge commander.

Captain Min Toch.

South Korea and China signed long-awaited agree-

ments on aviation and nuc-

South Korean Trade

Minister Kim Chul-Su and

Shi Wanpeng, deputy direc-tor of the economic and trade office of China, signed an

agreement to cooperate on the development of mid-sized

civil aircraft. The aim is to build a prototype by 1998.

South Korean Foreign

Minister Han Sung-Joo and

his Chinese counterpart,

Qian Qichen, finalised an

aviation pact, allowing direct,

regular services between the

The two ministers also

signed an agreement to use

nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and to comply with international Atomic Energy

Agency (IAEA) agreements.
During his visit, Mr. Li will visit factories run by three of

cluding Gen. Paet's former

main base where the Wester-

Asked-about the fate of the

hostages, the soldiers replied

in unison: "Dead, dead -

Khmer Rouge guerrillas massacred 46 Cambodian

villagers in the northwest

province of Battambang after

taking a group hostage last

week, a provincial official

Serey Kosal, the province

vice-governor, said he met six

men who had escaped from a

guerrilia-held area in Bavel

"I met six men who came

back on Oct. 29 - they said

46 were executed by the Khmer Rouge," Mr. Kosal

Mr. Kosal said 60 villagers

who went into the jungle to

cut bamboo ran into a Khmer

Rouge unit. He said one of

those who escaped had axe

wounds to his head while

other escapees had been shot

Meanwhile Cambodians

marked the 72nd birthday of

King Norodom Sihanouk

Monday while their ruler re-

poverished country as it tries

to heal the wounds of civil

RENAMO fought the

FRELIMO government for

16 years following Mozambi-

que's independence from Portugal in 1975, and Mr.

Dhlakama caused consterna-

tion when he called for a

boycatt of the election just as

voting was about to start last

Mr. Dhlakama, who said

that the elections were rig-

ged, later lifted the boycott

after pressure from Mozam-

bique's southern African

A survey by journalists of

results posted on the doors of

75 polling stations in the

capital Maputo, Maputo pro-

vince and Nampula City gave Mr. Chissano 43.416 votes

and Mr. Dhiakama 5.981 in

In the contest for the 250-

40,409 votes and REN-

seat parliament, FRELIMO

AMO (Mozambican National

The other 10 presidential candidates and 12 parties or

coalitions that took part had

won barely any votes.

the presidential race.

Resistance) 5,848.

neighbours.

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they're all dead."

said Monday.

told Reutes.

two countries.

lear energy.

China ranks South Korea as its sixth largest trading partner while China is Seoul's third largest.

China put bilateral trade at \$4,96 billion in the first half of 1994, up 59.5 per cent from the same 1993 period, while its trade with North Korea fell 21.9 per cent to just \$336 million.

Millions of dollars of new South Korean investment have poured into many parts of China, including big coastal cities, but especially the heavily ethnic Korean areas of northeast China's Jilin and Liaoning provinces, bordering North Korea.

The Korean ventures produce metal goods, textiles and many garments, non-ferrous metals, shoes and leather goods, many of them for export.

Mr. Li is to leave Seoul Wednesday for a visit to the Hyundai car factory in city of Ulsan and factories in Pusan. He completes his visit with a private trip to the southern island of Cheju, returning to China Friday.

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Protestants

BELFAST (AFP) - Despite

two months of ceasefire, the

Irish Republican Army re-

mains on a war footing in

Northern Ireland, policing

neighbourhoods, simulating attacks, and continuing sur-veillance operations, Protes-

Adding weight to the

claims, police in the British-

administered province con-

firmed Monday they were

probing incidents with para-

military overtones in Lon-

According to witnesses who alerted police, armed and masked men who identi-

fied themselves as IRA mem-

bers set up roadblocks Friday

and Saturday in a Republican

area of the eastern city, stop-

ping cars and checking pap-

Police would not rule out

Monday that the roadblocks

to coincide with Halloween.

But such incidents echo

others from the fledgling

years of the sectarian conflict

in the early 1970s, when en-

tire sectors of Londonderry

and Belfast were declared

"no-go areas" to security

forces by paramilitaries from

both the Roman Catholic Re-

publican and Protestant

Since it declared its truce

on Sept. 1, the IRA has,

through its political wing Sinn

Fein, repeatedly called for

the London-administered

Royal Ulster Constabulary,

which is more than 93 per

cent Protestant, to be re-

placed by an "impartial"

police force.

Loyalist communities.



South Korean President Kim Young-Sam (right) greets Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng with a hand shake at the presidential Blue

Kim Jong-Il reappears, prompting talk of N. Korean power transfer

of North Korean Studies.

The secretive Kim had

appeared in public on only

SEOUL (Agencies) — North Korea's reclusive leader Kim Jong-Il appeared in public at the weekend, signalling the start of the process of his formal elevation to the status of his late father, analysts said Monday.

Mr. Kim visited a newly renovated tomb to Tangun, mythical founder of Korea, the first time the state's de facto leader made an appearance not directly linked to the death of his father, "Great

Leader" Kim Il-Sung.
The younger Kim has long been designated his father's successor but the world has yet to witness his succession to such key posts as Com-munist Party chief or state president.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said Monday that "comrade Kim Jong-II, the great leader of our party and people" inspected the recently reconstructed tomb of Tangun Saturday and gave detailed instructions to preserve

"Kim Jong-Il is making his first public step in his own political path but this does not mean he will become state president immediately," said Ko Tae-Woo, chief re-searcher at Seoul's Institute

two other occasions since his father died of a heart attack in early July - at Kim senior's funeral in a huge Pyongyang square and at a mass rally marking the 100th day of his death. North Korea this month

finished reconstruction work at the 4,000-year-old tomb for Tangum, revered as the founder of the Korean race. According to legend, Tan-gun was conceived from the

union of a bear and a God's son, consummated in a garlicfilled cave.

Yu Suk-Ryul, fellow at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, said Mr. Kim's tour coincided with meetings across North Korea where he gave a message of thanks to the people for mourning his father for over three months.

"Such meetings will be used to show public support for Kim Jong-II and to promote him as the nation's undisputed leader," he said. "This will pave the way for him eventually to take over his

father's political mantle." KCNA reported Sunday

that such meetings were held

the army, Kim Il-Sung University, hospitals and factor-

Meanwhile, North Korea has expressed its readiness to resume talks with Japan, but not South Korea, following its nuclear accord with the United States, Japan's Asahi newspaper reported Monday.

A Korean-American journalist told Asahi after a visit to Pyongyang that she was told by a government source that rapprochement would depend on "willingness on Japan's side."

She said the source was close to North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong-II.

Since the accord to help North Korea restructure its nuclear power programme with international assistance was signed on Oct. 21, Japan has been preparing for a resumption of talks with Pyongyang, which broke down in

At the same time, however, the source ruled out an immediate resumption of the inter-Korean dialogue unless South Korean President Kim Young-Sam changed his attitude, the newspaper quoted journalist Moon Myong-Ja as saying.

unsure whether the reports of

'Monster of Florence' suspect proclaims

innocence

holocaust were true:

FLORENCE, Italy (AFP)-The 73-year-old man accused of being the "Monster of Florence" who killed 16 young people in the Tascan countryside between 1968 and 1985, claimed his innocence and appealed for clemency as his trial ended here Saturday. Pietro Pacciani told the court tearfully that he was as "innocent as Christ on the cross" as the jury prepared to adjourn todeliberate the verdict, which is not expected before Tuesday or Wednesday. The elderly Tuscan peasant produced a statuette of a saint from his pocket and cried out: "Believe me, I have not done all this evil. A peasant who works the land does not even have the time to tie his shoelaces. Show patience, Mr. President, because I am innocent and have a broken heart." As the trial drew to a close, addresses by the defence and prosecuting attorneys showed a gulf between those were convinced of Pacciani's guilt and those who believed he had been made a scapegoat. The prosecutor's final address stressed contradictions in statements the Italian farmer made regarding his work during the time of the last double murder in 1985, when a French tourist couple. Nadine Mauriot and Jean-Michel Kraveichvili, were killed. Prosecutor Paolo Canessa said that "the trial has shown that there exist a great number of indications, all bad, precise and concordant, the lead to the conclusion that Pacciani was the author of these crimes." Defence attorney Rosario Bevacqua said on the other hand that there was "not a single proof, only artificial evidence, unreliable testimony and inconsistent clues," and said Mr. Pacciani was "neither strong enough nor intelligent enough" to carry out the killings. Over a period of 17 years, seven couples visiting the Mugelio countryside were killed by a prowler armed with a Baretta

CIA backed anti-Sukarno forces — report

LOS ANGELES (R) — The U.S. government has acknowledged for the first time without ever mentioning the that it conducted major existence of the Central Inoperations to counter Communist influence in Indonesia in the 1950s, the Los Angeles Times reported Sun-

The newspaper said that according to a 600-page account published by the State Department earlier this month, the administration of President Dwight Eisenhower secretly backed anti-Communist rebels opposed to President Sukarno.

The account is the latest in a series of histories of U.S. foreign policy published by the State Department, the paper said.

Quoting an interview with official State Department historian William Slany, who wrote the introduction to the new volume, it said the histories, titled "foreign relations of the United States." had previously been written telligence Agency (CIA). According to the Indonesia

volume, Secretary of State

John Foster Dulles concluded in 1958 that Gen. Sukarno was "untrustworthy" and "susceptible to the Communist way of thinking."
The CIA secretly began supplying and supporting anti-Communist military re-

bels on the outer Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Sulawesi at a time when the United States maintained normal diplomatic relations with Gen. Sukarno's govern-

ment. By 1959, when it was clear the rebellion would fail, the United States shifted its support to the Indonesian army, hoping the country's military leaders would counter Gen.

munist leanings. The volume stops in 1960, and offers no evidence that the United States was involved in a 1965 coup that left Indonesia's current ruler, General Suharto, in power.

CIA operations in Indonesia first came to light after the country began complaining that it shot down and captured an American pilot, Allen Pope, who was bombing Indonesian military targets, the Los Angeles Times said. U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia Howard Jones later wrote a book that acknowledged and criticised the CIA effort.

The candor of the State Department's Indonesia volume appears to be the result of a 1991 law passed by Congress requiring the CIA and other intelligence agencies to cooperate with State Department historians, the newspaper said.

Sukarno's purported Com-

India wants Kashmir polls as soon as possible

mained under medical care NEW DELHI (R) — The Indian government said Monday it wanted to hold elections in troubled Kashmir as soon as possible and dismissed suggestions that interna-tional observers were needed to ensure fair polling. warning that the potential for instability is large in this im-

"We are very keen that elections should be held in the Jammu and Kashmir area as soon as possible," Home (Interior) Minister Shankarrao Chavan told a news con-

More than 17,000 people have died in the Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir since a separatist rebellion broke out five years ago. Opponents to Indian rule want either independence or union with neighbouring

Pakistan. For the past four and a half years the Indian central government has exercised direct rule over the state, which includes the Kashmir Valley.

Mr. Chavan did not say whether elections would be held in Jammu and Kashmir before a six-month extension of direct rule expires next March. An aide to the minister said the government wanted to hold elections in the state within the next year.

Kashmiri separatists claim residents would boycott any elections and say there is bureaucratic resistance within the state to organising the

polls. Mr. Chavan played down the possibility that militant violence would disrupt

assembly elections. "The conditions are definitely very conducive for holding the elections in that area," he said. "My feedback is that we can hold the elections all

The minister said threats of violence had kept some people away from elections in the northwestern state of Punjab in 1992 but they went ahead without any major hitches despite a decade-long secessionist movement.

"We can't possibly not hold the elections merely because one political party says, we don't want to take part in the elections," he said. "The elections will be held."

Mr. Chavan brushed aside a suggestion that international observers would be needed to monitor any polls. There is no question of

having any international observers at all," he said. Our election commission is quite competent and will be able to ensure free and fair Mr. Chavan minimised dif-

ferences with Junior Home Minister Rajesh Pilot, who recently suggested the state should be granted more autonomy before proceeding with elections.

Asked whether he agreed with Mr. Pilot, Mr. Chavan said the cabinet had not taken a decision on the matter of autonomy.

Meanwhile, the Kashmir dispute could cloud Pakistani

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's upcoming visit to France after Paris urged her government to seek a solution through direct talks with In-

The Nov. 2-5 visit was originally intended to pack up investment deals between Pakistan and France. But days before her visit

France backed direct Indo-Pakistani talks on Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, where a bloody campaign is being waged by separatist rebels who enjoy political support from predominantly Muslim Pakistan.

The French call runs counter to Ms. Bhutto's oft-repeated stand that the issue can only be resolved through strong international pressure on New Delhi, and not in a bilateral framework.

Since Ms. Bhutto came to power in October 1993, she has never missed any opportunity to tell foreign officials of her stance on Kashmir. India and Pakistan have

fought two wars over Kashmir. New Delhi accuses Islamabad, which controls the northern third of Kashmir, of arming the rebels.

More than 10,000 people have died in Kashmir violence since 1989 when the Muslim separatist campaign gained momentum in the Himalayan region.

At least 22 people were killed this weekend in Kashmir as a protest strike against

last week's slaying of a Muslim rebel leader by Indian troops paralysed life in the northern Indian valley, the Press Trust of India (PTI)

During her visit to France. Ms. Bhutto is scheduled to meet with President François Mitterrand, who visited Pakistan in 1990, as well as Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac and several ministers.

Apart from Kashmir, Ms. Bhutto's French agenda includes Bosnia and conflicts in Tajikistan and Afghanistan, according to diplomatic SOUTCES.

Ms. Bhutto, to be accompanied by Foreign Minister Assef Ahmad Ali and Defence Minister Aftab Shaban Mirani, is expected to raise the possibility of acquiring 40 French-made Mirage 2000-5 fighters, which has been under discussion for more than two years but has been stalled by financing prob-

Ms. Bhutto is also ex-pected to raise the question of a nuclear power plant which Mr. Mitterrand, in his 1990 visit, had promised to deliver to Pakistan. Since then France has de-

manded a condition for the sale: Pakistan must first sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. But Pakistan refuses to do so unless India also adhere to the pact.



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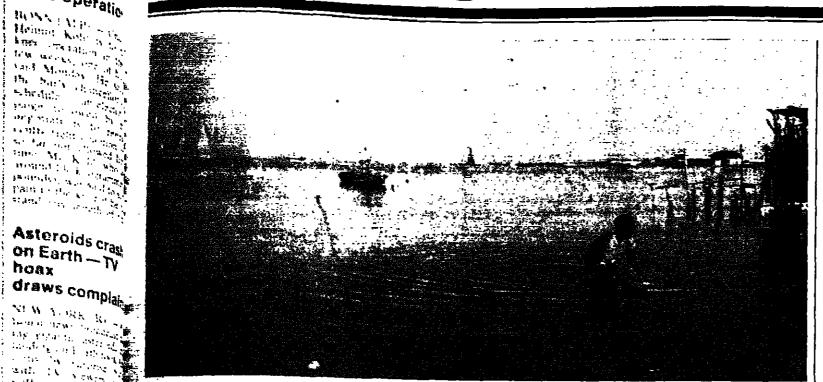
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A Haitian girl collect sea water on the shore of the slum area of Cite Soleil in Port-au-Prince. The sea water is used by the

tens of thousands of Cite Soleil residents to wash laundry

Aristide supporters look for work

- Jean-Robert Charles, who went into hiding when Hairi was under military rule, has relished walking the streets without fear since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide came home on Oct. 15.

But he and other Aristide supporters who have been in hiding said Sunday they face a new problem — making a

"I have no place to stay, I'm living everywhere," said Charles, who fied Port-Au-Prince in April 1993 and remmed after Mr. Aristide came back. "I have no money no rent a house.'

The arrival in the past five weeks of over 10,000 U.S. troops on a mission to restore democracy has greatly improved security, especially in Port-Au-Prince, where the troops are concentrated.

But some Aristide backers have not returned to their homes in scattered rural areas because armed thugs still hold sway, according to aid workers. Pro-Democracy activists fear revenge attacks by members of the old reg-

"It gives the appearance of being very quiet, but there are still pockets of violence

harassed," said Sister Ellen Flynn of Hospice St. Joseph in Port-Au-Prince, which offered shelter to fugitives under military rule.

Mr. Aristide returned three years of after being ousted by a coup. At least 3,000 civilians were killed by military-backed police and paramilitary gunmen during military rule.

Members of paramilitary groups are believed still to have hundreds of weapons, and there are reports of violence in the countryside where local authority is virtually non-existent.

Some members of Lavalas. Mr. Aristide's political party, said the top party members are finding work more easily than the president's rankand-file supporters.

guns hidden out there," said

Carla Bluntschli, member of

Christian peacemaker teams,

Chicago-based charity.

There's no way they're

Mr. Aristide has tried to

assure his people that Haiti is

a safer place and urged those

who fled the country to come

home. About 300,000 people

were believed to have gone

underground during three

For many, the new chal-

lenge is finding employment

in the impoverished Carib-

bean nation.

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"My problem now is a job and money," said Belizaire Joele, 37, a grass roots organiser for Lavalas. "I'm not going to sit here. I'm going to walk around and check with people to find work."

Jasmine Pierre, a 29-yearold Aristide activist whose husband was abducted by gunmen in 1991 and is still missing, says she is not afraid to be coming out of hiding. Her only priority is to get a job to feed her three chil-

"If I'm working, then I will forget about the past," she

Within the EU itself,

meanwhile, a battle is brew-

ing over the German-led

emphasis on eastwards en-

largement. France and Spain.

in particular, fear a shift in

balance within the EU to-

They have argued that

eastwards enlargement

should be matched by more

aggressive Mediterranean

policy. This was outlined by

the EU ministers Monday,

calling for a doubling of aid

to non-EU Mediterranean

countries in preparation for a

The EU spent the equiva-lent of \$2.07 billion on the

Mediterranean in the four

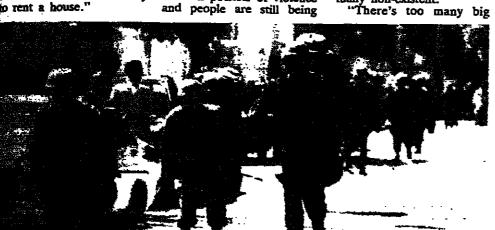
vears to 1994. At the same

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turned over almost an entire

regular foreign ministers'

meeting to discuss actions

that can be taken now to ease

German Foreign Minister

Klaus Kinkel said in welcom-

ing remarks to the easterners.

He warned, however, that

there were plenty of chal-

spective countries capable of

(membership) and we must

make the European Union

capable of receiving you," he

first of its kind at such a high

level, was to touch on issues

ranging from attitudes to the

war in former Yugoslavia to

the harmonisation of stan-

Although both sides are

Monday's meeting, the

"You must make your re-

lenges along the way.

"The path is marked out."

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H.S. soldiers walk down one of Port-Au-Prince main arteries during a routine patrol. Security in the Haitian capital is assured by multinational armed forces as a new Haitian police

LUXEMBOURG (R)

Foreign Ministers from six

former Communist states of

castern Europe met their

Baropean Union (EU) coun-

terparts Monday to lay the

groundwork for their future

membership of the Western

This is the first step in the

scheme for integration. It is a

very important day." Roma-

man Foreign Minister Teodor Melescanu said on arrival for

Poland, Hungary, Roma-

nia, the Czech Republic, Bul-

garia and Slovakia are keen

to join Western institutions

such as the EU and NATO as

2002 as possible, irrevocably

decine themselves from

Driven on by Germany.

which is keen to secure stability to its east, the EU has

their former Soviet ties.

the meeting.

force is receiving training under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Justice (AFP

and the process.

agreed on the need to bring

the East in to the Union.

differences exist over timing

it did not want to begin pre-

paring itself for the EU's

single market until it had

been given an exact date for

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bership get started, the lack

of a time frame for complet-

ing those tasks will remain a

serious impediment," a Pol-

ish Foreign Ministry paper

said it wants to join by the

end of the century and has

argued against the East been

treated as a single bloc that

must join in one move.

Hungary, meanwhile, has

noted on Oct. 24.

"Until at least an indicative

Poland indicated last week

EU begins planning for former Communist members

peace talks 'risk collapse'

Angola

LUANDA (AFP) - Government and UNITA delegates warned Monday that marathon peace talks were in danger of collapsing, as a U.N. deadline for the end of the negotiations passed amid reports of renewed heavy fighting between the two sides.

At the scheduled end of the 11-month-long talks in the Zambian capital Lusaka, set for Monday by U.N. special representative Alioune Blondin Beye, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UN-ITA) said the peace process "was in danger of coming off

the rails." According to the rebels' Radio Vorgan monitored in Luanda, UNITA accused Angolan authorities of trying "decapitate" the movement by military means by "setting traps" for its fight-

Meanwhile, the progovernment press noted that the talks were "in danger." "There has been no prog-

ress in the final phase of discussions, which offers no guarantee" that the Lusaka protocol for a peace accord de Angola said Monday.

ITA delegations were each waiting for the other to "soften its stance," the newspaper said, while national radio added that the gap between the two sides had widened.

Sources in Luanda said that the personal security of UN-ITA leader Jonas Savimbi was the main obstacle to an accord, with a draft agreement on that issue having failed to specify the number of bodyguards to which the UNITA leader would be entitled at the accord signing ceremony.

Mr. Blondin Beye said Friday prior to leaving Luanda for Lusaka that he was doing everything in his power to conclude the negotiations by Monday.

In parallel to news of the widening split at the negotiating table, the Portuguese agency Lusa reported violent clashes Monday between government and UNITA forces in the oil town of Soyo, capital of the country's northern Zaire province.

Quoting diplomatic sources in Luanda, Lusa said in a report out of the Angolan capital that Soyo, held for the last 18 months by UN-ITA, had fallen to government troops.

According to fleeing civilians, government marines landed at Soyo to support ground forces that had entered the town.

Croatia Serbs intervene in Bosnia; Serbs fire at Sarajevo suburb nia. Unconfirmed reports

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Croatian Serbs shelled a Muslim-held area of northwestern Bosnia and massed troops on the border to relieve pressure on their Serb brethern facing an offensive by the mainly Muslim army,

U.N. sources said Monday. Government forces Monday pursued their offensive on the western front and have now taken 250 square kilometres (100 square miles) of territory in their biggest success against the Bosnian Serbs since the beginning of the war 30 months ago, said a U.N. Protection Force (UN-PROFOR) spokesman here.

However, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said the assault had been

"Muslim activities have been stopped and conditions have been met to pursue tasks related to the state of war." Mr. Karadzic said at a meeting with Bosnian Serb military leaders in the northwestern town of Bosanski Petrovac, the Bosnian Serb News Agency (SRNA) reported.

UNPROFOR also Monday accused the Serbs of twice shelling civilian targets in a Sarajevo suburb at the weekend, adding that it was ready to take "appropriate strong military action," including air strikes.

In northwestern Bosnia, 21 artillery rounds, fired from the secessionist Serb-held Krajina enclave, just across the border in Croatia, fell near Veluka Kladusa overnight, Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer said here.

In Zagreb, a U.N. source said separatist Croatian Serb troops were massing along the eastern border with Bossaid they were also mustering tanks and armoured vehicles as fighting continued Monday to the south and northeast of

Bihac enclave.

More than 10,000 Serb Civilians have fled, according to local authorities, thousands of them to Bosanski Petrovac.

Croatian military experts believe the Krajina Serbs, who control a quarter of Croatia, have an 37,000strong army. The only point of entry from Croatia into Bihac has been closed to the U.N. since Friday, according to U.N. officials.

This is not the first time Croatian Serbs have intervened in the Bosnian conflict. Earlier this year, they shelled government positions in support of a secession bid by maverick Muslim regional leader whose military campaign against Sarajevo has

since been crushed. Elsewhere on the western front, the confrontation line continued to move southwards and has now reached the vicinity of Kulen Vakuf,

also on the Croatian border. In the northeast, a sudden increase in machine gun and small arms fire Monday at dawn "seems to imply that infantry action is taking place in the town" of Bosanska Krupa, he said.

Meanwhile, in the Sarajevo sector, fighting continued Monday east of the Mount Igman demilitarised zone (DMZ) after government forces had captured high ground from which they can bombard a Serbcontrolled main road.

When the offensive began Saturday, Serb forces appeared to have retreated

on Sunday two multiplebarrel rocket launchers were brought up against the Muslims and resistance stiffened.

It was not immediately clear whether Muslim forces would withdraw Monday from the Igman DMZ as has

been repeatedly promised.

Meanwhile, Bosnian Serbs Sunday shelled the Sarajevo suburb of Hrasnica for the second straight day, killing two civilians and wounding seven, Col. Spicer said, despite a strong protest the U.N. sent to them following the first incident.

The Muslim-held village of Hrasnica, near the airport, is included in the Sarajevo U.N.-declared safe area which the Security Council has pledged to defend from

shelling. UNPROFOR, which believed heavy mortars were used, as prepared to "take appropriate military action' if the weapons were detected,

Col. Spicer said. "Air strikes are one option, but not necessarily the first," he added.
"Other weapon systems

might be more appropriate" to strike at mortars often fired from built-up areas and then speedily dismantled and hidden, he added. The Bosnian Serbs Friday

warned they would start attacking civilian centres such as Sarajevo and Bihac town if the army did not call off its latest offensive. U.N. experts said interna-

Serbs, particularly a fuel embargo, appeared to be starting to bite. Mr. Karadzic Sunday

vowed his forces would turn

back the Muslim-led govern-

tional sanctions against the

ment troops who have scored unprecedented gains in an offensive over the past week. Mr. Karadzic told a crowd of some 1,000 people in Bosanski Petrovac that the

Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) would launch a counterattack that would stifle the Muslim offensive. leader appeared in public for

The Bosnian Serb political the first time in a military uniform, which the crowd applauded.

"I was hoping that I'll never have to wear a war uni-form. But our enemy does not want peace. They want war and if they want war, they'll have it," Mr. Karadzic said in front of the town hall.

Local authorities said the crowd was made up of refugees who were forced to flee in th face of the Bosnian government army thrust out of the northwest Bihac en-

The Muslim-led Bosnian government army has forced Serbs off conquered territory over the past several days east and south of the Muslim enclave of Bihac, which had been encircled by Serb troops since the early days of the

conflict. The Bosnian Serbs, who control about 70 per cent of Bosnia after 30 months of war, have rejected an international peace plan that would divide up the former Yugoslav republic roughly in half between Serbs and a Muslim-Croat federation.

Mr. Karadzic said Serbs would refuse to make territorial concessions. "There can be no bargaining about Serb territories. There can be no retreat or territorial concessions if they opted for a military solution to this crisis."



Residents of the Macedonian capital light vote, as Macedonians go to the polls for the candles in a city park to protest the irregular- second round of general elections despite ities which occurred during the first round of opposition calls for a poll boycott (AFP photo)

Ruling coalition wins Macedonia election SKOPJE (AFP) - Macedoaround 25,000 supporters had

nia's governing left-of-centre coalition won a large majority in the second round of legislative elections, a news report said Monday.

According to estimates broadcast by independent television network Al. the Alliance for Macedonia won 85 of 110 seats up for grabs in

Sunday's polling, which was marred by an opposition boycott cail. Added to the eight seats it won in the first round on Oct. 16, the results would, if con-

firmed, give the coalition 93 of the 120 seats in the former chamber parliament. In second place with a total

of eight seats over the two

rounds was the Democratic Prosperity Party, which represents Macedonia's ethnic Albanian community, the

television said.

firmation of the breakdown from the country's electoral Al had no details on re-

There was no official con-

turns for the nationalist VMRO-DPMNE, the main opposition party.
The VMRO-UPMNE and

the centrist Democratic Party (DP) had called Friday for a boycott, charging that the first round had been invalidated by irregularities, and organised an alternative vote

Source close to the DP said

taken part in the protest vote Sunday. However the main poll

proceeded calmly, Electoral Commission official Simeon Nikodievski said, citing only a few incidents.

Polling stations were monitored Sunday by some 750 international observers. the Alliance for Macedonia

Outgoing head of state Kiro Gligorov, a former Communist leader backed by won an absolute majority -52.4 per cent — in the first round of presidential polls. also held Oct. 16, against 14.4 per cent for VMRO-DPMNE candidate Ljubisa Georgijevski.

Tamil king-maker joins Sri Lankan cabinet will be approved, the Journal Yugoslav republic's single-COLOMBO (AFP) - A idential election campaign Thondaman is considered has accused the LTTE of The government and UNin Skopje and other large that also killed 56 others. crucial because the winner at

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misority Tamil leader with a decisive vote bank Monday amounced that he was joining the government of Prime aimes ahead of next month's presidential elections. S. Thondaman, a former

minister who leads the Coylon Workers Congress (CWC) trade union, will be ister of tourism. a portiolio he held under the Pievious United National Party (UNP) regime. "Yet, I will be taking up

the Ministry of Tourism. The coromony will take place either tonight or tomorrow." Mr. Thondaman said. His -CWC has a membership of starly half a million plantahon workers.

The shift would boost Mrs. Kumaratunga's votes and help widen the gap between her and the main opposition candidate Srima Dissmayake, the widow of slain Opposition leader Gamini Dissanayake, political enalysts said.

Mr. Thondaman had for over 17 years supported Mrs. Kamaratunga's rival UNP and his defection was seen here as a serious blow to the hetion-ridden opposition, now led by former Premier Rana Wickremesinghe.

With the Sinhalese majortly divided almost equally between the UNP and the PA. the block vote of Mr.

presidential polls must reocive a clear 50 per cent of the ballots. Sri Lanka's opposition

Monday invited two top Indian experts to probe the slaving of its leader and presidential candidate, Gamini Dissanayake, as a "battle of the widows" got underway with a smear campaign.

Widow Srima Dissanayake who is now challenging Mrs. Kumaratunga — herself a widow - in the Nov. 9 presidential elections named two Indians to join a government investigation into Monday's assassination.

Mrs. Dissanayake, in a letter to Mrs. Kumaratunga, named D.R. Karthikeyan, joint director of India's Central Bureau of Investigations and forensic scientist Professor P. Chandrasekaran, The pair helped probe the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gan-

"I have every reason to believe that they could make a valuable contribution to the present investigation, especially in view of their extensive previous experience in matters suich as this." Mrs. Dissanavake said.

Premier Kumaratunga had offered to invite any experts the Dissanayake family wanted to probe last Monday's bombing of his presMrs. Kumaratunga's Peo-

ple's Alliance (PA) as well as Mrs. Dissanavake's United National Party (UNP) Monday resumed politicking by trading allegations of violence, intimidation and character assassination.

Justice Minister G.L. Peiris said the UNP was issuing leaflets saying Premier Kumaratunga employed separatist Tamil Tigers rebels to kill Mr. Dissanayake and that her visit earlier this month to Singapore was to "fix up things.

"Very undignified remarks have been made about the prime minister at the funeral (Saturday). Offensive language has been used ... This is a total violation of election Mr. Peiris said.

UNP legislator Sarath Amunugama hit back saying that their supporters were being assaulted by the government for putting up white flags to mourn the death of Mr. Dissanayake and their advertisements were being censored.

"Our people are being hammered by goon squads. led by government MPs. This is a violation of their freedom to express sorrow," Mr. Amunugama told reporters here Monday while announcing the relaunch of their cam-

Mr. Dissanayake's UNP

carrying out Monday's suicide bombing, but Mrs. Kumaratunga said it could be the result of a "plain and simple feud" within the opposition and an inside job by the UNP to gain in the sbott term.

The UNP Monday showed a video clip taken 10 days earlier at another rally of Mr. Dissanayake clearly showing a woman, almost identical to the suicide bomber, sitting in the audience, apparently carrying out a trial run for the assassination.

A family member said they handed the video to the National Intelligence Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Department and it was also shown to surgeon Narendra Wijemanne who confirmed it was the same woman who killed Mr. Dissanayake.

Members of the Tigers have denied involvement but defence and military authorities are convinced that only the LTTE, which is fighting for independence, have deadly suicide bombers in the

Mrs. Kumaratunga went on national television Sunday night, accusing the UNP of fostering a culture of violence in politics and said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam were allowed to flourish under the UNP's 17-year

Mavrodi elected to Russian parliament MOSCOW (Agencies) - Sergei Mavrodi, head of the

MMM investment firm which collapsed last summer ruining hundreds of thousands of Russian investors, has completed a spectacular reversal of fortunes by winning a parliamentary seat. But the Moscow prosecu-

tor's office said that even though Mr. Mavrodi, who was elected to the Duma lower house of parliament — Sunday, could now enjoy parliamentary immunity from prosecution, the fraud investigation against him would continue.

"The criminal investigation against Mr. Mavrodi will not by automatically closed," Moscow Prosecutor Gennady Ponomariov said. He added that his office

could pursue its probe without permission from the Duma since Mr. Mavrodi did not benefit from immunity at the time of his alleged crime. "We would ask for his par-

liamentary immunity to be lifted only if he was to be formally charged in court,' Mr. Ponomariov said, adding that his office should conclude its probe sometime in

Mr. Mavrodi's election came barely three weeks after he was released from prison, where he had been held since August on charges of tax fraud at a subsidiary of the MMM firm.

According to preliminary results of the Sunday byelection released by the Electoral Commission, Mr. Mavrodi received 27.8 per cent of the vote in his district of Mytishtchi, near Moscow, almost twice as much as his nearest rival, the Electoral ommission said. final results of the vote

were expected late Monday afternoon. The Electoral Commission

said only 30 per cent of eligible voters took part in the election but the results would stand as a voter turnout of at least 25 per cent is needed for the poll to be valid.

Meanwhile, President Bons Yeltsin's popularity rating is slipping by the month, down to 14 per cent in October with a massive 61 per cent opposed to him, according to an opinion poll published here Sunday.

The remaining 15 per cent questioned said they did not know or refused to answer.

According to the poll by the private television station NTV, Mr. Yeltsin's popularity has slipped gradually from 25 per cent in January. Over the same period, the

number of people dissatisfied with him has jumped from 46 to 61 per cent. In another NTV poll, some

35 per cent of Russians said they wanted Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's government to leave power, with only nine per cent supporting it. The remainder said they wanted one or more ministers to leave or had no opinion. Mr. Chernomyrdin, who survived a parliamentary vote of no confidence last week, on Sunday ruled out any ma-

jor purge of reformers in his government. He said in an interview on NTV that there could be some minor changes in the cabinet. A new finance minister would be appointed in the coming week to take over

> Vavilov. But, in reply to a question, he denied that Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais and Alexander Shokhin or Foreign Minister Andre

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Late step answers nothing

THE AGREEMENT between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to relax the border crossing from the Palestinian territories to Israel is a positive development but it may have come a bit too late for thousands of Palestinian labourers. Mr. Rabin made this conciliatory gesture during the opening session of the Casablanca conference on economic development for the Middle East and North Africa in a bid to improve the prospects for the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The hangup in this seemingly positive step by Israel is the fact that the Îsraeli government has taken what Rabin called a strategic decision to replace Palestinian workers with foreign labourers. The number of people contracted by Israel to come to the country for work in place of Palestinian workers is not known. Conservative estimates put the number at several thousand. This means that even when Palestinians are able to cross into Israel they are likely to find their positions filled by others. Be that as it may, the Palestinians cannot count forever on employment opportunities in Israel. The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) will have to revamp its economic policiecs either by creating job opportunities within the Palestinian territories or by linking the economy of these territories with its Arab neighbours. As a long-term policy, the PNA will have to make a choice between putting all its eggs in the Israeli basket or reestablish its traditional links with the Arab World. It should be clear by now that the PNA relationship with its Arab neighbours is not exactly what it should be. Egypt is too far removed from the Palestinian territories to make much difference. There is hardly any trade if at all with Syria or Lebanon. As for the relationship with Jordan, we all agree there is more to be desired especially after Arafat apparently opted to connect with Israel rather than with Jordan on economic and financial issues. This calls for real statesmanship on the part of the Palestinian leadership, something that has yet to manifest itself in relation to Amman. Meanwhile Palestinian workers will have to suffer economically and pay the price of ill-conceived economic and political policies. Most probably extremist forces will be the sole beneficiaries of this state of affairs. It is doubtful that the Casablanca conferees would be able on their own to solve the economic woes of the Palestinians. As long as the structuring of the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is leaning in the wrong direction, no amount of investment whether induced by the international community or otherwise would be able to address the problem.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE MIDDLE East and North Africa economic conference in Casablanca should be remembered as the event that marked the advent of the new Middle East order and one that declares the end of the Arab League, said Taher Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour daily Monday. Indeed, when the Arab League marks its 50th anniversary next March it will appear to the Arabs an aged intitution that has became devoid of any meaning, said the writer. The Casablanca meeting, he said, will herald the end of the Arab countries boycott of Israel and is bound to lay the foundation stone for Israel's official economic and geographic existence within the Arab World and in the Middle

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily criticised Parliament members who chose to boycott an address to Parliament by U.S. President Bill Clinton in the past weeks saying that they lost the chance to present their own views to him and the world at large. Of course, by absenting themselves from the session, these deputies were trying to display their opposition to the peace treaty with Israel, but it was a negative move not in the interest of all the opponents of all the peace treaty, said Hazem Mubayeddin. The writer said that Jordanian voters had elected these deputies to speak for them in Parliament and express their views; but they disappointed these voters by refusing to confront the U.S.. President with the people's demands, he added. Furthermore, reports or rumours about deputies threatening to resign from Parliament bring further disappointments to the public since resignation means abandoning the electorate and allowing the House to remain passive with no voice to express opposition, said the writer. He said that the government has pledged to listen to the opposition and it is in everybody's interest to retain this opposition in the democratic system.

Open letter to Arafat

Closure of An Nahar is blow to freedom

WITHOUT THE freedom to express one's opinion, there can be no human dignity. If this freedom is not respected, fundamental rights are violated. The recent decision by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), to ban distribution of the newspaper 'An Nahar" in the territories under Palestinian authority is a serious violation of human rights and a blow for the chances of democracy in a future Palestinian state. This decision is all the more worrying since, in our modern society, the press plays a vital role in the fight

for human rights. We still are unsure of the reasons for banning "An Nahar." From the roof-top terrace of his official residence, Chairman Arafat can survey the whole of Gaza City. This is an administrative problem according to him, to be solved once An Nahar is granted a distribution licence. On the other side of the mountains, in the city of Jericho, Jibril Rajoub, head of Palestinian security, claims that An Nahar will never again be allowed to be published. In between the two men is Yasser Abed Rabbo, Palestinian minister for communications. Mr. Abed Rabbo uses meaningless words to quieten things

volved in this tragic inci-dent: Nabil Shaath, who half-heartedly criticised his boss's decision and Nabil Abu Radeina, Mr. Arafat's advisor on media matters, who says that An Nahar is not a "real" newspaper, whatever that means.

I should like to ask you the following question: might it be that the various problems of the selfgoverning Palestinian territories have been solved and that the only remaining problem is this administrative one concerning granting a permit to the An Nahar newspaper?

A few days ago I was violently criticised after an

interview I gave on the

radio during which I said that international aid for the Palestinian authorities should be suspended until An Nahar was allowed to be distributed once more. My critics replied that thousands of hungry Gazans would suffer from any such suspension. If, Mr. Chairman, you are really concerned above all else with the well-being of Palestinians, would it not be better to authorise the redistribution of the newspaper? After all, this newspaper allows dozens of Palestinian families to earn a living and those working for it have been laid off. I have a second question:

Why must An Nahar have a

permit to appear in Jeru-

salem when other newspapers, Palestinian and Israeli alike, do not?

To be frank, this ban came as no surprise to me. What did astonish me, though, was the speed with which you have acted. The ban was imposed only a fortnight after you arrived in Gaza. Fast work. I am equally certain that nobody will persuade you to reverse your decision.

I do not know whether

the Palestinian people, at this stage of awakening of their nation, is aware of the importance of a free and independent press. I cannot understand why the daily Al Quids has kept quiet about the ban on An Nahar. Perhaps Al Quds has never got over the rivalry between the two publications since An Nahar first appeared in 1987? If it is interested in maintaining a free and independent Palestinian press, Al Quds should have protested ab-

out the ban on An Nahar. I have not yet heard anything out of the Palestinian human rights defence organisations on this subject and I find their silence shocking. I ask them this question: For how much longer will you keep this immoral silence? International associations have already found the time to protest, but you have said nothing. How can that be explained? Like you, the Association of Palestinian Journalists has

said nothing. When I called to find out why they were silent. I was told that the association ceased to be existed a year ago.

The ban on An Nahar is a taste of things to come -we should expect other violations of our rights. It is clear that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to list every violation of human rights and protest against them if we are deprived of an independent press open to all those wishing to express themselves freely, without feeling the threat of a sword of Damocles of repression hanging over

Editorials in the European press have condemned the ban on An Nahar. The question some of them raise seems rather naive: "Is this the new era we heard so much about?" I do not think that such public statements are very effective.

I do not believe that grassroots work is that powerful. I doubt that European editorials can influence our leaders.

If this is indeed the new era we were promised, please note that I am one of those Palestinians who enters it reluctantly, dragging my feet.

The writer is a Palestinian journalist and human rights activist. The letter is reprinted from a newsletter published by Reporters Sans

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Closed-end fund carry

their own risks, mainly that

the market will sour on a

country and drive shares far

below their "net asset

value" - that is, the actual

price of the stocks in the

the India Fund was trading at a discount of 15 per cent,

and the two other new

funds — Morgan Stanley

India Investment and Jar-

dine Fleming India — were

trading at discounts of 6 to 7

Jardine Fleming closely

tracks the Bombay Stock

Exchange Sensitive Index,

which is dominated by large

companies such as Tata and

Reliance. "The fund's focus

on industrial stocks ... has

clearly paid off handsome-

ly," says William Dinning

of Paine Webber Inc., who

recently recommended Jar-

Mr. Tripple's fund uses a "top-down" approach, he told me. "If sugar quotas come off, what happens?"

dine to clients.

At'the end of September,

Croatian Serbs to get autonomy under new plan

By Mark Heinrich

ZAGREB — An international peace plan for Croatia would reintegrate rebel Serbs by granting them local autonomy with their own assembly, flag and money, diplomats say. Details of the politically

charged blueprint have not been completed. The U.S., Russian, U.N. and European Union (EU) ambassadors drafting it have refused comment on a flood of speculative media reports in Croatia on its contents.

But the thrust of the plan, meant to overcome a chronic impasse in negotiations before war flares again, seems to be a balance between the separatist urge of the Serbs and the rigid centralism of Croatia's right-wing nationalists.

If successful, it would crank up pressure on separatist Serbs in neighbouring Bosnia to accept a big power peace plan already on the table for months, restoring peace across old Yugoslavia, diplomats

hope. The plan is intended as a foundation for serious negotiations. It will not be a "take it or leave it" package like the Bosnia's "contact group" plan, diplomats

But Croatian officials have already voiced suspicion at leaked elements of the plan, asserting that Zagreb will never accept "federalisation" weakening its sovereignty over its entire U.N.-recognised terri-

tory. Croatia declared independence from Serbian-led federal Yugoslavia in 1991 but minority Serbs armed and sponsored by Beigrade revolted over the secession. seized a third of the republic and declared their own state.

"What the Croats and Serbs both crave is security and safety for their people and respect. Both sides have been driven by fear. Each side thinks the other has horns, the devil incarnate," said a diplomat familiar with the plan.

Croatian-Serb normalisation talks resumed on Thursday under U.N.-EU auspices after a sevenmonth suspension but they were to focus only on trade issues to build on a march ceasefire that ended two years of fighting.
Serbs in the breakaway

Croatian enclave of Krajina are now under pressure to negotiate seriously for the first time because Belgrade, keen to have U.N. sanctions lifted, has told them to accept autonomy within Croatia.

The plan would offer self-rule to Krajina Serbs in regions where they formed the majority before 1991 in exchange for recognition of Croatia by Yugoslavia.

Previous autonomy deals in Europe inspired the

plan, including one for ethnic Swedes living on Finland's Aaland islands and another for German speakers in northern Italy.

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Krajina Serbs would give up the trappings of an independent state including control over police and borders, their own army and foreign policy. But they would get much in return.

This would include a regional parliament, a big departure in centralised Croatia where provinces have no representative assemblies with tax and spending powers.

Autonomy would apply to the western and southern part of the territory anchored by the rebel Serbs' main town. Knin, near the Adriatic coast, where they have long been in the majority.

It would apparently not apply to Serb-held eastern Croatia, including the town of Vukovar destroyed by Serb forces in a notorious 1991 siege, because Croats were in the majority there before then. Almost all the Croats were driven out during the war.

tral Croatian control over eastern Slavonia province could prove one of several major stumbling blocks to agreement based on the plan, analysts say. Eastern Slavonia boasts

The restoration of cen-

oil and rich Danube basin farmland which the Serbs will be loath to give up. The region has also been

resettled by non-Croatian Serbs and virtually absorbed by next-door Serbia, unlike the Knin region which lacks a common border with Yugloslavia. Hundreds of thousands

of refugees forced to flee by militants of both sides in the conflict would also be gradually repatriated under the plan.

It is also believed to envisage allowing Krajina Serbs their own flag, special passport and currency, the name of which would be different from Croatia's but equal in value and ssued by the central bank in Zagreb.

Dual icons of identity will be a problematic issue. Krajina Serbs say they will never live where they must fly Croatia's checkerboard flag and pay with its "kuna" currency. Both, for them, are symbols of Croatia's World War II Nazi puppet regime which murdered many thousands

But Croatia will resist the idea of a second flag and currency within one country — "a stage within a state" as Zagreb ministers already offended by the plan put it.
"Croatians are not com-

fortable with regional autonomy. It smacks of federalisation which is a dirty word in former Yugoslavia, implying the right to secede," said a diplomat. "The plan rules out that right, though."

India: an accelerating economy with plenty of room for growth ager might be forced to sell Released from govern-ment restrictions, Indians all five of the U.S. mutual funds that specialise in Ininto a thin and sharply de-

By James K. Glassman

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WASHINGTON -- The 1989 revolution that razed the Berlin Wall seems to have had more profound economic effects outside Russia and Eastern Europe than inside. Capitalism and free markets are suddenly taking hold in China, Vietnam, Latin America and, perhaps most promisingly of all, India.

In 1991, India's economy hit a brick wall. Protectionist policies that had limited imports and exports were precipitating a disaster. The prime minister, P.V. Narasimba Rao, had few choices, so he cut taxes and opened India up to foreign trade and capital.

Today, despite poverty, financial scandals and political violence, India's growth is accelerating, and it is attracting money from abroad. U.S. companies invested more in India in 1992 and 1993 alone than they had in the previous 40 years. Ford, which now sells no cars in India, last week announced a joint venture with Mahindra & Mahindra and will begin manufacturing soon.

India is now the thirdlargest economy in Asia and the 12th in the world. But more important is its potential for further growth with its 900 million people, 150 million of them middle-class and well educated. Some 25 million Indians own stocks, and despite the stifling bureaucracy entrepreneurship has

deep roots.

are showing that they can innovate like crazy. A good example is cable television, which is completely unregulated. As a result, Bloomberg Business News reports, there are now 60,000 independent cable operators delivering 15 channels. of programming to 10 million Indians using wires strung hastily between apartment blocks.

Foreigners still cannot buy stocks directly in India, but it is now easy to bet on the country's prosperity through mutual funds. One closed-end fund, India Growth, was started in 1988 and has returned an average of 19 per cent annually since then.

Three more closed-end funds and one open-end fund were launched this year, and their managers have lots of choices. The Bombay Stock Exchange, founded in 1875, lists 3,263 companies — 50 per cent more than the New York Stock Exchange. And India has 21 other exchanges with an additional 4,000 listed companies.

More shares are coming to market all the time. This week the government completed the sale to the public of minority interests in seven state-owned companies, including Indian Oil Corporation, which refines most of the country's oil and is one of the 500 largest firms of any sort in the world.

One hot stock owned by

dia is Reliance Industries, a clining market. petrochemical company Mr. Tripple recognises that is one of the world's 10 the risk, but he notes that Pioneer has experience runlargest makers of polyester. ning open-end funds in Last week, Reliance even thinner markets, notannounced that profits for the first half of 1994 had ably Poland. Pioneer's fund there has attracted 400,000 risen 146 per cent, to \$163 Polish investors; its value

million. Its chairman, Dhirubbai Ambani, is considering a \$6 billion investment in telecommunications. Other attractive stocks cited by David Tripple, who manages Pioneer India, the only open-end fund, are Tata Iron and Steel; Balla-

pur Industries. India's largest paper producer; Great Eastern Shipping, a cash-rich company; and JCT Ltd., a manufacturer of textiles and synthetic fibres with a price-earnings ratio of 10.

Pioneer India managers are so high on India that the country's shares represent the second-largest holding in its Emerging Markets Fund, just behind Hong Kong and ahead of Mexico, Indonesia and Thailand, India is "like a very large ship," Mr. Tripple told me in an interview in his office in downtown Boston. "It turns slowly. Most emerging markets are like small sailboats. They can make quick turns, but they can

also be blown over.' One worry with a singlecountry open-end fund such as Pioneer India is that if stock prices suddenly drop, investors could panic and demand redemption of their shares. The fund man-

He looks for companies that will benefit.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Setting record straight on phone deal

I REFER to Ms. Ghadeer Taher's article, (Jordan Times Oct. 31), regarding the signature of a cellular phone deal. It is necessary to point out that a few items mentioned in the article are misrepresentative of the facts.

Jordan is a country with economic potential. This potential can only be realised if investments and efforts are directed in the right direction. One of the most salient points regarding long lived economic prosperity is the application of the law and its jurisdiction on Jordan's corporates and private citizenry. Continuous, evenhanded, application of the law is paramount to financial, legal and political stability.

Ms. Taher's article states that Millicom, a

U.S. registered company, is filing a law suit against the Jordanian government because of violation of the Arab Boycott Law and other Jordanian regulations. In truth, it is a Jordanian company, National Telecommunications Company (NTC), which is filing the law suit. NTC is affiliated with Millicom in the Cellular bid. Moreover, the lawsuit is being filed not because, the Arab Boycott Law or any other regulations are being violated, but rather because NTC believes that the legal basis upon which the TCC awarded the tender is at odds with their bidding

NTC is filing a lawsuit against the Jordanian government and the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) because NTC believes that neither the government nor the TCC are abiding by a set of rules and regulations which they established. In the prequalification for bidding, several documents were required by the TCC. Jordan Mobile Telephone Services was unable to supply all the necessary documents. Under all "normal" tendering procedures JMTS would have been disqualified.

The TCC was directly asked about bidding qualifications in a pre-bid conference. The TCC confirmed in writing to all conference attendees that all bidding parties should abide by Jordanian law in all its aspects. The main case in point, therefore, is not the Arab Boycott or any regulation, but rather the credibility of the TCC and the application of Jordanian laws. NTC believes that the TCC mislead other bidders by stipulating applicable law but not abiding by

National Telecommunications Company (NTC),

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A dream comes true

To the Editor:

A DREAM has come true. As a teacher, I would very much like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein who always sought to map the destiny and ambitions of his nation. The King's directives to the Ministry of Education to better the life of its employees and to allocate JD 20 million for the housing projects reflect the King's for-sightedness and appreciation

The Ministry of Education seeks to achieve the upgrading of its techers academically and professionally. But, unfortunately, the ministry contributed less to the recreational activities. It is thanked for its endeavour to bring to existence the first teachers' club, which is located in western Amman. As a resident of eastern Amman, I would question the ministry for not setting up other clubs at various parts of Amman. I could proudly challenge the ministry that the majority of teachers do not know the whereabouts of its only club.

whereabouts or its only cano.

We hope that our ministry realises the fact that teachers living in Eastern Amman will be very grateful to witness the founding of new clubs in their districts.

Khader Al Atrash,

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts.

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mic Summit in Casablanca. Morocco, on Sunday:

Distinguished Guests.

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great honour for

me to address this eminent

gathering here today. I

would like in particular to

express my appreciation to His Majesty King Hassan II

for hosting this summit and

to both President Clinton

and President Yeltsin for

their support and endorse-

A "new Middle East/

North Africa region" re-

ouires new thinking. Re-

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throughs offer fresh pers-

pectives. The challenge

now is to move to effective

action. In today's world

this cannot be done single-

handedly by governments.
The successful transition

from peace to prosperity

requires a new trilateral

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In the Treaty of Peace

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has four dimensions: firstly

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Steady progress on all

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- Mr. Arafat promised

international businessmen

full guarantees if they in-

vested in the Palestinian self-

At a lunch hosted by the

Palestinians, Mr. Arafat told

international businessmen:

"All the guarantees you need

"I will give you maximum

gnarantees. We are in need

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly

complained that the World

Bank has released less than

10 per cent of the \$720 mil-

lion in emergency funding

promised by international

The bank has demanded

clear accountability from the

Palestinians before it un-

Mr. Arafat told the story of

An Arab Bank to illustrate his

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Palestinians rushed to in-

vest \$15 million in the first

week in the bank, which then

invested all the money

Mr. Arafat said his minis-

ters asked him to take action.

"It was not easy but I let them go," he said. The Plaestinian delegation

is looking for finance for ur-

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"This is virgin land and we can do a lot with it. Between another Somalia or Singapore, it will be Singapore with your participation. Mr. Arafat's message was

mainly to Palestinian businessmen at home and in the disspora, on whom he said he could depend.

"Your homeland is in need of you. Your children need

"But don't come alone, we need your friends and then he can have not just Palesti-Min businessmen but joint

Pentures," Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat, the past Sanday before the opening of the conference, found some common ground. is it possible to ensure the. withering away of conflict, of extremism and of regional apartheid between the haves and the have-nots.

The multilateral track of the Middle East peace process, with its four dimensions of human cooperation, resource cooperation, security and the steering committee, is an embryonic process for security and co-operation. That is one reason why Jordan has energetically supported the multilaterals from their inception. Your summit here today is another building bloc towards that end. The followup will be in Amman next year, by which time appropriate mechanisms

Our work in this summit naturally complements that of the five multilateral working groups that deal with refugees, regional economic development, water, environment and regional security and arms control. Amman will be the venue for the next meeting of the Regional Economic Deveplment Working Group (REDWG) in May or June of 1995. During that meeting, we plan to explore additional ways for integrating the private sector in

will hopefully be in place.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

the work of the multilater-

Our vision is a Middle East without barriers where private enterprise becomes the engine of growth. The free movement of goods, services, capital and labour is our aim. A free trade area and eventually a common market from the Atlantic to the Gulf will make North Africa and the Middle East one of the fastest growing areas in the world. This region has a combined population of about 250 million people and a total GDP of \$580 billion. By including Turkey and possibly Iran, the market size would increase to 370 million people with a

GDP of \$800 billion. Through dismantling existing barriers, the Middle East and North Africa can become full members in the rapidly evolving global eco-

Concerning governments, there is no simple recipe for dealing with the complex relationship between government, private enterprise and the market. Governments can help or hinder. But they cannot replace the private sector in the wealth creating

The key issue is not to be snowed under by too many unnecessary details, but to get the policy fundamentals right. Selective interventions should be based on market friendly economic policies. Scholars of the socalled Japanese or East Asian Miracle have concluded that there is no single uniform blue-print for

Each nation has to evolve its appropriate model. Common features or prerequisites are: good macroeconomic management and broadly based educational systems.

Dear Friends.

Speaking of investment climates, I can assure you that Jordan is committed to expanding its programme of free-market reforms. According to the EU, Jordan is the most advanced country in the region in implementing marketoriented economic reforms. As an emerging market, it has the largest stock exchange in the Arab World. We are developing a progressive, transparent regulatory system. We are privatising our economy, and already more of Jordan's industry is in the hands of private investors than ever before. We encourage foreign investment. And we plan to work closely with the private sector to identify priorities for improvement in all these

Moving on to the role of the private sector, a recent Interfaith Declaration. which I have had the privilege of participating in, has stated that.

Jordan envisages free trade area between Atlantic and Gulf

There is no basic conflict between good business practice and profit making. Profit is one measure of efficiency...It is from the profit of companies that society can reasonably levy taxes to finance its wider needs.

This Declaration of a Code of Ethics on International Business for Christians, Muslims and Jews identifies the common basis of religious and moral teaching among the Peoples of the Book. They are: justice, mutual respect, stewardship and honesty. This Code of Ethics is commended to leaders of international business whether followers of the three monotheistic faiths or not. Copies are available during this conference to those in-

Ladies and Gentlemen.

In recent years the flow of private capital to the developing world has outweighed that from official sources. Private flows reached \$103 billion in 1992 and \$113 billion in 1993. The globalisation of capital markets spurred by technological innovations and the dismantling of official barriers have led to a dramatic shift in emphasis from official to private flows. Though government to government transfers have a key role in peace building in the Middle East, the private sector, both regional and international, is expected to have

an expanded scope. Many of the regional projects tend to be of an infrastructural nature. This infrastructure for peace can be provided through innovative approaches that rely on the private sector in terms of financing, construction, operation and even ownership. The mag-



nitude of investment is expected to be substantial. Investments totalling \$25 billion over the next ten years in the Jordan Rift Valley alone are being mentioned.

But as lessons from other developing regions have shown, quality is more important than quantity. The main messages of the World Bank in its 1994 World Development Report stress the need for public-private partnerships in financing infrastructure and if I may quote the

"Infrastructure can deliver major benefits in economic growth, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability — but only when it provides services that respond to effective demand and does so efficiently."

A number of principles are recommended by the World Bank to avoid past mistakes: firstly "manage infrastructure like a business, not a bureaucracy"; secondly "introduce competition"; and thirdly "give

users and other stakeholders a strong voice and real responsibility.

The involvement of the private sector as a full partner will also avoid placing undue burdens on tight government budgets. Many nations still suffer from beavy debt overhangs which should be reduced rather than expanded. Your Majesty,

Honoured Guests

The celebrations in Madrid earlier this month for the 50th anniversary of the Bretton Woods twins have taken place while, according to some reports,
"The G-7 has its knives

out ready to perform surgery on both the IMF and the World Bank". The Banker.

My purpose here is certainly not to criticise or defend these institutions, with whom we in Jordan have had a long-standing beneficial relationship. I leave that to the wise men' of the Bretton Woods Commission. But concepts for new regional financial

institutions should fully recognise the lessons of the last fifty years.

In addition there is a need for new thinking within the international financial institutions to facilitate public-private partnership in peace building. These financial institutions have a leading role to play not only as financial intermediaries, but also as catalysts in the evolution of existing regional institutions and the establishment of new ones. Their work needs to be closely co-ordinated at the regional level with other U.N. institutions and the NGO's. Closer coordination is essential for providing a healthy human, political and social climate. I do not wish to overburden the allotted time,

Your Majesty, but ESCWA (the Economic and Social Council for West Asia) covers only part of the region under discussion in this summit. The countries of North Africa fall under ECA (the Economic Commission for Africa). Turkey is a member of ECE (Economic Commission for Europe). And lastly Iran is a member of ESCAP (the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific). This indicates a fragmented U.N. institutional framework which has to be addressed in any vision of a new Middle East

The operation and management of existing and new financial institutions should reflect this regional vision as well as the interests of the main shareholders in this new venture.

and North Africa.

It has been remarked that the Middle East is possibly the only region in the world that does not have a regional development bank. But filling the lacuna requires also a revision of the investment and cost-benefit criteria to reflect more closely the new regional agenda. This needs a new political will. both inside and outside the

region, for shared growth and prosperity. In response to this, President Clinton, during his recent visit to Jordan to witness the signing of the Jordan-Israeli Treaty of Peace, has endorsed the establishment of a regional development bank for the Middle East.

This is not a call for inefficiency or the waste of resources or charity. Rather it points to the need for a new regional ethos. The report of the secretarygeneral of the U.N. on "an agenda for peace" pointed out that global defence expenditures at the end of the last decade had approached \$1 trillion a year, or \$2 million per minute". A few days worth of such expenditures can deal for example with the human legacy of conflict through an integrated human resource development at the regional level. The Middle East has been the major market for international arms supplies, and the theatre for massive hu-

man suffering.
The UNDP administrator, Mr. James Gustave Speth, has stated in the 1994 Human Development Report that.

Sustainable human development is development that not only generates economic growth but distributes its benefits equitably...that empowers people rather than marginalising

We all share in the responsibility: governments, the private sector and regional and international institutions. Let us all join forces together in the task ahead. I hope to see you all again next spring in Amman where we can evaluate progress and redouble our efforts in promoting prosperity, security and cooperation throughout our region. This is a first step in the long, and hopefully rewarding, journey of building peace. God bless you all and

thank you.

Casablanca summit gets down to business

(Continued from page 1)

aid and investment to enhance peace in the region. "Why is the international community not coming to encourage jobs, encourage projects in Gaza and Jericho?"

Mr. Rabin asked. Bilateral treaties with Arab states such as the one Israel signed with Jordan on Wednesday, he said, "are the foundation, the call, the roof of the building. This Casablanca meeting has to create the environment to fill this empty house of peace with

contents." The emerging self-rule government led by the PLO needs financial aid. Mr. Rabin said, noting that in the last 10 years the United States has given Israel \$30 billion in aid and Egypt \$24

billion. Mr. Arafat called on countries that have committed \$2.4 billion to the Palestinians to keep their promises. --- An American four-point

plan to draw Israel and the Arabs into a system of regional economic cooperation is gaining support at the sum-

American diplomats, canvassing among the countries represented here, are finding European support and approval in principle from Saudi Arabia.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Union, and Turkey were enthusiastic. U.S. officials said. The Saudis sought assurances the plan would not duplicate other programmes and that their kingdom would not be asked to bear a heavy financial burden, said the officials. Secretary of State Warren Christopher offered assurances that wealthy European

nations and Japan would be asked to assist The plan could lift the area from poverty, duplicate economic successes in Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America and reinforce the spreading Arab-Israeli peace

"Progress towards Arab-Israeli peace has opened the door to economic cooperation in support of peace," be said. "Now, together, we must take a bold step through

process, Mr. Christopher said

that door." The summit was also seen as another major step towards ending the 43-year Arab boycott of Israel. Mr.

Both called for international Christopher urged Arab leaders to follow the lead of Sandi Arabia and five smaller Gulf countries that already have eased the boycott.

The four main points of the U.S. proposal would: Facilitate the movement. of goods, labour and ideas across the borders of the Middle East and North Afri-

- Set up a committee of experts to structure a regional bank for economic cooperation and development. It should available for both the public and private sectors.

- Establish a tourism board so people can go freely from one country to another. Millions of people will sign up for package tours.

- Establish a regional business council or chamber of commerce to promote trade and commercial oppor-

Along the way, Mr. Christopher said, the nations of the area should end trade restrictions and modernise their tax and legal systems.

"And they must lift the heavy hand of government regulation that stifles entreprenews." he said.

- The summit is to announce the creation of a regional development bank and tourism office in a final declaration here Tuesday. The joint declaration says participants pledge to "ex-

amine the creation of a multilateral financial mechanism ... including a Middle East development bank to facili-tate both private and public investment." A steering group of gov-

ernment representatives would be set up to encourage economic cooperation and development, and follow up issues raised at the Casablan-It would report to partici-

pating governments within six months for the creation of a regional development bank, the declaration said. An executive secretariat to assist the steering committee would be set up in Morocco and would also help to orga-

nise a regional business coun-The declaration also announces plans:

- For a regional tourist board to promote the Middle East and North Africa. - To build the foundations of an economic community "which involves, at determined state, the free flow of goods, capital, and labour throughout the re-

gion. - To encourage the creation of a private sector regional business council to facilitate intra-regional commercial and trade rela-".zaor

Participants recognised that future "movement toward a comprehensive peace in the region needs to be powerfully reinforced by solid economic growth and the palpable improvement of the life of the people in this region."

They "united behind the vision that brought them to Casablanca - a new partnership of business and govemment dedicated to furthering peace between Arabs and Israelis."

The declaration praised steps toward a just, lasting and comprehensive peace based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, calling for an Israeli withdrawal from all land it occupied in 1967.

It said there was an "tirgent need for economic development" for Palestinians in the West Bank and autonomous Gaza Strip that requires "special attention from the international community, both public and pri-

Special projects between Israel and Jordan also merit support to advance the peace treaty signed between the two countries last week. The declaration said the

forum would be held again early 1995 in Amman to be hosted by King Hussein. King Hassan II of Morocco on Sunday opened the conference.

"Peace is here within arm's reach. Our conference is aimed at consolidating peace, and giving it the means to last," King Hassan II said in the opening speech.

King Hassan regretted that "our sister" Syria had sent no representative to the conference. "We understand and we respect their positions and hope they will join us as soon as possible." Syria boycotted the confer-

ence because of the lack of progress so far in bilateral peace talks with Israel. Organisations such as Hal-

la from South Korea, China Resources and China International Water have sent delegations to the summit here. as well as international companies like Coca-Cola and Bechtel Corporation structurai engineers.

Government officials have repeatedly said here that businessmen will be at the centre of the conference. Diplomatic accords are not enough to secure peace without business ries to increase the popular stake in maintaining peace, they say.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres led Israeli efforts to forge business links with Arab states at the summit. Mr. Peres met with Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamed Ben Jasem Al Thani to discuss possible exports of natural gas to Israel, accord-

ing to Uri Savir, Israeli foreign ministry director-general. Qatari Oil Minister Abdullah Al Attiya also met with Mr. Peres "but no final decision has been taken for the moment," Mr. Savir said. Talks will continue."

The proposed natural gas project is one of 150 Israel has brought to the summit. Qazar, which has no diplomatic ties with Israel, is a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) which a month ago lifted the indirect boycott affecting companies dealing with the Jewsh state.

The direct economic boycott of Israel, imposed in 1951, remains in place. But that will not concern Arab businessmen at the conference, said one Qatari executive.

"To be frank, the boycott

is on its way out; it is just a matter of officially announcing its end now," he said.
"I am sure there will be cooperation on a big scale between Israel and Arab countries soon.

On a private level, you will see Gulf businessmen going through Jordan and the Palestinians rather than deal with Israel directly, because it is an unknown quantity for

businessmen have come to the three-day conference one of the biggest delegations after the United States - in the hope of finding a foothold in the Arab market.

Around 100 Israeli



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (right) Minister Habib Benyaye during a meeting held shakes hands with Tunisia's Foreign Affairs in Casablanca (AFP photo)

Iraq blames Israel for blasts

(Continued from page 1) the Americans that they will based Iraqi National Connever be able to harm Iraq." Nearly one million of 18 million Iraqis are Christian, while the remainder are Mus-

The minister of religious affairs, Abdul Menem Ahmad Saleh, condemned the attack and denounced the bombers as "criminals devoid of all humanity." On Oct. 19, one person

seriously hurt when a blast rocked the Waqf ministry in charge of Muslim religious endowments in Iraq. There has been no claim of responsibility for either blast, but Iraq has blamed "agents

hired by the enemies of

was killed and five were

"These low acts express the frustration and failure the Zionist administration and the Zionist entity is suffering... because of the deeprooted and centuries-old coherence between all sects of Muslims and Christians in Iraq," Al Qadissiyah said Monday.

There have been a string of bombings in the last two years as U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990 have deepened the economic hardships of the Iraqi people, causing widespread hunger and poverty.

An opposition group claimed Monday that Iraq recently executed 16 army officers, on orders of President Saddam Hussein, for disobeving orders during the latest confrontation with

Hamid Al Bavati, a spokesman for the Londongress, said the officers were

ing orders from the military command in Baghdad. Mr. Bavati told the Associated Press in Cairo the officers apparently were critical to the buildup of Iraqi army troops near the Kuwaiti border early this month that led to the movement of U.S.

put to death by firing squad

after being accused of ignor-

A list of the 16 executed provided by the congress showed the victims were high-ranking officers and officials of the ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party.

forces into the Gulf region.

Mr. Bayati said in a telephone interview from London that his group's sources in the Iraqi military reported widespread discontent inside the army, specially complaints by some units of shor-

tages in food supplies.
The Iraqi National Congress is an umbrella organisation for opposition groups. It was set up after the 1991 Gulf

Mr. Bayati also said the Arabic-language Al Hayat was correct Monday in reporting nine other Iragis were executed earlier by the Baghdad regime for "hostile activities." These included tribal chieftains, Muslim clergymen and army officers.

However, this was not independent confirmation since the London-based Al Hayat quoted the Iraqi National Congress clandestine radio in its report. It said the nine were executed Sept. 13 after a crackdown on the opposition in several Iraqi towns.

Kabul (Continued from page 12)

Mr. Hekmatyar's, has made recent gains. Hezb-e-Islami forces cut the key link to the capital by

capturing Hudkhell village, located about four kilometres east of Kabul. The Hezb crossed the river and infiltrated our side in the night, then attacked early in the morning," a pro-

Rabbani fighter stationed in Hudkhell said. "They captured all the southern parts of Hudkhell, and even crossed the highway, penetrating houses on the other side before we pushed them back," the

fighter said. They said that Hezb-e-Islami forces had controlled about three kilometres of the highway before being pushed back across the Kabul River under pressure from jet attacks and heavy artillery

bombardment. Frontline pro-Rabbani troops claimed to have captured up to 23 Hezb-e-Islami prisoners in the fighting, and one commander said that government troops were still

Debris from the intense

shelling of Hudkhell littered

the road late Monday, but several public buses were seen entering Kabul along the route, weaving around fresh shell craters in the road. A handful of pro-Rabbani tanks that featured in the

fighting were stationed on the main road at the industrial estate before Hudkhell, near a Hoescht pharmaceutical factory, with their turrets pointed in the direction of -

Hezb positions further south.

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Hidden joblessness in Russia reaching atrocious proportions'—ILO study

(AFP) - Russia's real unemployment rate is at least eight per cent. five times the "Get officially-announced level of international Labour Orga-'nisation (ILO) says in a report issued in Geneva Mon-

day.
. It says that hidden joblessness continues to rise in Russia, reaching "atrocious prop-ortions" and bringing a spectacular jump in the number of workers without resources, said Guy Standing, who was in charge of the ILO study. It was carried out over a period of a year among 300,000 employees of 400 companies based in five major Russian

industrial regions. Mr. Standing sharply criticised what he called Russian employment and the little attention given by Westerners — especially the ones advising the Russian government and such international agencies as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund — to employment problems.

If the situation continues, there will be a great risk of social "implosion", he said, and that could damage the Russian political balance by helping extremists.

The report says that no less than one-third of Russian factory employees are now actually the victims of hidden unemployment. Thus more than 20 per cent of them. 11 million people, are on longterm "administrative leave" - a term meaning that they

any remuneration at all.

The problem is most acute in the industrial city of Ivanovo, where more than 40 per cent of employees are actually on layoff, and hence do not really have a job or any re-muneration, while not being officially considered unemployed, Mr. Standing said.

Another mechanism contributing to hidden joblessness is long maternity leaves. practic at many companies. Almost six per cent of all women employed in industry are on maternity leave. Mr. Standing said that

makes no sense, since Russia has a very low fertility rate and there are two abortions for every birth. He added that the percen-

tage of women on maternity

per cent in companies suffering the greatest difficulties.

Payless work is also found widely in Russia, contributing to hidden unemployment. The ILO reports says an increasing number of workers are not paid at all, while others receive only a minimum wage equivalent to \$20 a month - much less than the levels contained in their collective bargaining agreements and about a quarter of the average Russian monthly salary equivalent to around

The ILO suggests the use of more enforceable collec-The document stresses that 60 per cent of companies tive bargaining agreements, studied had chronic difficulobliging companies really to ties in paying workers, and pay the stated salaries. They half of them were afraid they would have to restructure, rewould be driven into bankducing their work forces.

King Fahd apparently readying Saudis for belt-tightening

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia is our duty and we cannot let (AP) — King Fahd, down our neighbours. apparently perparing his peo-ple for belt-tightening, has referred to the high costs of deploying troops to counter the threat from Saddam Hus-

In a speech televised late Sunday, the king did not specify how the costs would be met, but the Saudis are expected to shoulder some of the financial burden of October's U.S.-led deployment of troops to counter the latest Iragi threats.

"We have been afflicted by a peril of the devil," King Fahd said in his address to military commanders at Hafr Al Batin, the huge military base near the Iraqi border where he met President Clin-

ton last week. "If state bears tremendous amounts of expenditure, that

Saudis are convinced that, just as he prepared them for budget cuts when the price of oil tumbled, the king was now setting the stage for some drastic action in the 1995 budget now being prepared. The budget should be announced before the end of

The value of the national currency, THe riyal, slipped on Gulf financial markets in reaction to King Fahd's remarks. Dealers said they saw his remarks a confirmation of fresh cutbacks for the king-

sis, the Saudi government bas been doubly squeezed. De-sert Shield and Desert Storm cost the kingdom \$60 billion. while income has been lower than expected because of

Since the 1990-91 Gulf cri-

anemic oil prices. Saudi Arabia had to cut its current budget by nearly 20 per cent this year.

Although life for Saudi Citizens remains comfortable by world standards, cuts in government spending have an impact on almost everyone in an economy dominated by the state-run oil industry.

The troop deployments by the United States and its allies to counter the movement of Iraqi troops toward Kuwait are estimated to cost between \$500 million and \$1 billion a month. The Iraqi forces retreated, but the allied troops are staying for the time being.

On his tour of the region. President Clinton urged U.S. allies in the Gulf to bear their part of the cost.

builds up

Philippine economy shows strong growth

MANILA (AFP) - All sectors of the Philippine economy showed strong growth this year, raising hopes for a sustained rebound, but it may be threatened by a rebound in inflation, Economic Planning Secretary Cielito Habito

said here Monday. He said inflation was among the issues to be discussed in fresh talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

in December. Mr. Habito said in a report on the country's economic performance that 5.4 per cent gross national product (GNP) growth in the second quarter of this year "confirms the country is indeed poised for the long-sought economic take-off

He said all three sectors of the economy — agriculture, industry and services - had showed strong growth, with all regions of the country "contributing positively to the favourable economic performance through greater investments, exports and positive growth in agricultural

However, the inflation rate had averaged 9.32 per cent in the second quarter even though it had since fallen to about 8.6 per cent in Septem-

He said this surge in prices occurred despite tight controls on money supply and monetary officials were now being forced to balance mopping up of excess liquidity with the need to maintain stable in-

Mr. Habito said this "fine tuning" had kept interest rates at a little over 10-to-11 per cent with inflation rates staying at single-digit levels. He added thatt he inflation rate target for the year was

about nine-to-9.5 per cent. "The moment inflation reaches double-digits, then we should worry about the possible boom-and-bust (cycle) happening again," he said, referring to the wide-

spread observation that the Philippines' short sures of economic growth are swiftly followed by a prolonged downturn.

IMF Director-General Michel Camdessus, in a visit earlier this month, praised the government's economic reforms but warned that uncontrolled inflation could reverse all the gains.

The Philippine government is forecasting at least five per cent GNP growth this year.

"Inflation is a cancer that if not tackled at an early stage, could risk undermining what has already been achieved, and if left unchecked could derail the whole programme," Mr. Camdessus told a news conference.

"The slaying of this dragon we call inflation is an abso-

Manila obtained a \$684 million IMF loan earlier this year. The release of this is conditional on the achievement of key targets in a mutually-agreed economic programme. This requires in-flation to fall to below five

per cent by 2000. "You don't establish a monetary target and you go-to play golf," Mr. Camdessus quipped.

The IMF official said he was impressed by the country's strong export confidence in the country, but warned that it was not the time to be complacent.

"If the impressive economic gains achieved thus far are not to prove transitory, it is important that the Philippines move quickly to the next phase of its economic transformation," he said.

He specifically decried the fact that only four per cent of the Philippines' population paid income taxes.

's financial end of the 1975-1990 civil war and the country had a low

level of debt. Last month Lebanon issued \$400 million worth of Eurobonds to finance postwar reconstruction plans. Prime Minister Rafik Hariri expected his country to raise an extra \$425 million soon for

more projects. Lebanese who fled abroad during the conflict have started repatriating assets from overseas.

This has led to a \$1 billion balance of payments surplus for 1994, despite a chronic deficit in the trade balance, according to Finance Minister Fuad Siniora.

Wahid Andi, chairman of the Lebanese banking association, said banking secrecy and tax benefits "which practically make Lebanon a tax haven" had played a great role in attracting assets from

abroad.

Central bank governor Riad Salameh said effors were being made to end the "dollarisation" which had undermined the economy. He noted that level of dol-

recovery

lar deposits had fallen from 90 per cent during the war to But Mr. Salameh said banks should build up their

own funds, which took a beating when the lira collapsed during the war, in an effort to reach by March 1995 the solvency ratio expected in Europe. Banks which failed to meet

such conditions would have to disappear, allowing the banking system to be streamlined, he said.

Naaman Azhari, chairman of the Banque du Liban et d'Outre-Mer said Lebanese banks lacked sufficient funds to finance post-war projects.

The banks could only make short-term loans of up to two or three years.

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Lebanon also needs modern financial instruments to acquire the funds needed for reconstruction projects, experts say.

A secondary market was set up in June and the Beirut stock market is expected to reopen within a few months with a capitalisation of some \$1.25 million pluse \$1.85 billion from Solidere, the company set up to rebuidl Beirut's city centre.

Meanwhile foreign banking institutions such as Indosuez are seeking to set up local merchant banks in an effort to develop the Lebanese financial market.

Sixty per cent of Indospez Capital Middle East will be held by the French group and the rest by Lebanese part-

High imports swell South

Korea deficit SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's current account (C/ A) deficit surged to \$4.4 billion in the first nine months of the year, because of a rapid increase in imports of canital and consumer according to a central bank

tally.

The nine-month shortfall was almost six times the \$730 million deficit posted in the same period of 1993, the Bank of Korea said. In September alone, South Korea's current account in-creased to a deficit of \$585.5 million from a surplus of \$372.3 million a year earlier, raising concern among business circles, the bank said.

Cuba says sugar industry open for foreign capital HAVANA (R) — Cuba,

pushing for foreign capital to revive its ailing economy, said Sunday the doors were open to possible foreign investment in its strategic sugar production sector.

Carlos Lage, a vicepresident who is viewed as the architect of Cuba's ecomic reforms, told the op of the annual Havana Trade Fair that from now, "no productive sector of the economy will be excluded from investmen. oreign capit-

"I- sugar production, which has always aroused a big interest, several proposals are being positively studied."

Mr. Lage said.

He did not give details of these proposals in his address at the inauguration or at a

The sugar cane sector. communist-ruled Cuba's main export, had until recently been off-limits for foreign investment.

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The plunge seems mainly

due to a jump in deaths be-

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BEIRUT (AFP) - Beirut

must recover its former status

as a regional financial centre,

Lebanese experts say, but

first it must restructure its

banking sector and set up the

necessary financial instru-

Foreign investors are re-

turning to Lebanon in in-

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According to Jean-Francois Lepetit, the French

vice-president of Indosuez

Bank. Lebanon's main asset

in the absence of natural re-

sources and major industries

is its capacity to develop

Mr. Lepetti, who visited Beirut with other French

bankers, stressed that Leba-

non was "not a country of

risk" because the Lebanese

lira had stabilised since the

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But its opening comes as the country tries to recover from two consecutive dismal harvests — of 4.2 million tonnes in 1992-93 and four million tonnes in 1993-94. Since the collapse of the

former Soviet Union, Cuba's old trade and aid ally, the sugar sector has been badly hit like other areas of the economy by lack of input ranging from fuel and spare parts to fertilisers and pesti-

The last two harvests had been conducted with just 22 per cent of the technical input used in previous years, Mr.

He touched on other areas

related to foreign investment and commented on wider issues concerning the economy and current reforms in his remarks Sunday. He noted there was some

interest in Cuba by U.S. firms — currently barred from business by Washing-ton's 32-year-old economic embargo - and said some companies were discussing signing letters of intent.

In the first six months of 1994, representatives of some 69 U.S. firms, 14 of them large businesses, had visited the island to assess prospects for future trade or investment, he said.

Signing letters of intent now would mean that such firms would be in a position

business if and when the embargo is lifted. But Mr. Lage did not express any optimism the ban is likely to be lifted any time soon.

to move ahead quickly with

Cuban: authorities, hoping to encourage a business lobby within the United States against Washington's policy, say U.S. firms are missing out on investment possibilities as the country opens up to foreign capital.

The island currently has some 165 joint ventures and other economic associations with firms from 38 countries, Mr. Lage said. A further 200 projects are under negotia-

Mr. Lage also said Cuba was planning a new investment law to ensure greater transparency and security for investors. He did not give details or say when the law would be introduced.

He said foreign investment was possible in some service sectors and also in real estate, but did not give details.
On overall prospects in Cuba, whose inhabitants are

suffering severe shortages ranging from food and con-

er and transport, Mr. Lage said the economy was not yet recovering but it was showing some positive signs.

He cited the poor sugar harvests as a key factor in slowing progress towards improvement. But he added that positive factors included growing foreign investment on the island, an improvement in the country's internal finances and the recuperation

of some sectors. Mr. Lage said current economic reforms, which gathered pace from around mid-1993, were not aimed at creating a capitalist economy, but a planned economy with market elements.

We do not have a strategy of a capitalist development, Mr. Lage said. "It's a strategy within the socialist system.

Reforms that introduced market mechanisms to some areas of the economy "do not mean abandoning a planned economy," he added.

Mr. Lage described the reforms as being part of "an integral concept" rather than "isolated measures"

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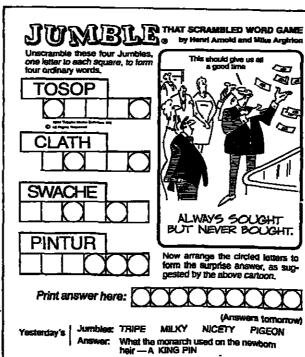




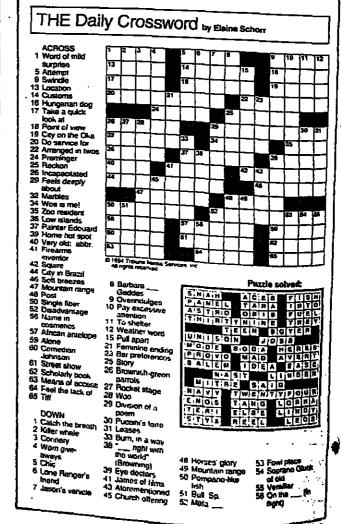




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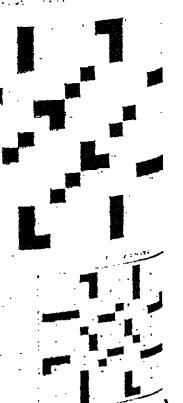
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Arab Gulf banks criticised for failure to upgrade services

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Arab League's top financial official bas criticised Gulf banks for their failure to upgrade services, saying they stick to traditional activities which do not serve domestic

development. Jassim Al Manai, chairman of the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), said such activities coupled with a sharp increase in the number of banks during the oil boom had turned the Gulf into an "overbanked" region.

"The region is suffering from overbanking in the terms of the number of banks and the kind of their activities, which has remained mostly traditional at a time when non-traditional financing needs and methods have emerged in our region," he said in a study.

"Unfortunately, our bank-ing community has failed to respond enough to such needs in order to exploit their

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resources in domestic development," he wrote. Mr. Manai, a Bahraini, did not elaborate on the new

services he wants Gulf banks to carry out. But regional officials have repeatedly urged banks to launch investment portfolios, issue bonds and securities, finance productive sectors and match modern banking

operations emerging in the

industrial countries. Gulf bankers acknowledge the bulk of their operations have remained restricted to extending loans and credits and investment in bank deposits, real estate and stocks in foreign markets, mainly in the West.

Credits by GCC banks to the public and private sectors the region totalled \$84.2 billion by the end of 1993, but most of them have been channelled into trade and other non-productive sectors.

Official Gulf figures showed trade accounted for

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between 26 and 28 per cent of the total credits between 1988 and 1993, the construction sector for 11.9 per cent, and personal loans for around 23.2 per cent.

Loans to the public sector jumped from 10.5 per cent to 34.3 per cent during 1988-1993 as GCC governments relied more on borrowing to bridge their budget deficits caused by a decline in oil

The deficit was projected at around \$9.5 billion in 1994 compared with \$14.6 billion

"There should be a revision of banking regulations in the region to guarantee that the banking sector will be able to face the development needs of the coming stage, which will see financial. administrative and economic proportions to which we are. not accustomed," Mr. Manai

"GCC banks are called on to upgrade their services and facilities so they will become competitive not only with other regions but at the world

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level," he added.

He said banks in the GCC. which groups Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), could strengthen their financial position through mergers or cooperation with foreign un-

He put the number of banks in the GCC at 117, including 59 national banks and 58 foreign units. More than two-thirds of them are based in the UAE, Oman and Bahrain as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait do not have fore-

ign banking ventures.
The combined assets of the banks have grown by around 3.65 per cent annually since 1988 to reach \$168 billion at the end of 1993, nearly onethird of the total bank assets in the 22-member Arab

.Around 48.3 per cent of the GCC assets are based in Saudi Arabia, 24.7 per cent in the UAE, 15.6 per cent in Kuwait, five per cent in Qatar, 3.6 per cent in Bahrain and 2.8 per cent in

China's airlines on financial crash landing

BEIJING (AFP) — China's civilian airlines, flying high since the deregulation of the aviation sector some 10 years ago, have been brought back down to earth this year and are now in serious financial difficulty, a report has said.

The unification at the beginning of this year of China's dual exchange rate system, rising oil prices and an appalling air safety record have dealt a series of body blows to the industry, leaving only four of the country's 30 largeand medium-sized airlines operating at a profit, the Eco-

nomic Information daily said. Exchange rate unification and the accompanying de-

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valuation of the Chinese currency had meant increases in airplane leasing payments of more than 50 per cent, the newspaper said, pointing out that the vast majority of planes used by domestic airlines were leased from the international agents.

In an attempt to cash in on rising passenger demand, many companies had overextended themselves by leasing too many planes without the necessary financial re-sources, it said.

At the same time, the expansion in fleet dizes has outstripped infrastructural development and 80 per cent of China's airports are satu-

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Hikes in fuel prices and other materials, meanwhile, have pushed up operating costs by as much as 10 per cent since the beginning of the year.

A series of major airline

crashes and hijacking in recent years have also taken toll, with some airlines operating flights outside mainland China reporting a drop in passenger volume, as travellers prefer to fly with more reputable foreign carriers, the newspaper said.

The worst crash in China's aviation history occurred in June, when all 160 people on board a China Northwest Airline flight died near the central tourist city of Xian.

Much of the blame for the appalling safety record has been laid on the rapid and under-monitored expansion of the plethora of regional airlines that sprung up in 1985 following deregulation and the dismantling of the monolithic Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

The Economic Information said that in the first quarter, only 35 per cent of passengers taking domestic and international flights from Beijing airport took Chinese carriers, it

The occupancy rate of the 280 flights by Chinese carriers from Hong Kong each

59.77 per cent this year from 71 per cent in 1993, the paper It said that, for the first

time in 20 years, aviation in China has become a buyer's and not a seller's market.

The paper pointed out that civil servants were no longer obliged to fly Chinese carriers, resulting in a big switch to foreign airlines. Meanwhile consumer pati-

ence with China's inefficient domestic airlines is wearing thin, with 66 per cent of passengers complaining of lengthy delays. According to a recent sur-

vey carried out by CAAC flight delays are the number-one complaint, and look set to remain so. CAAC officials quoted by

the Guangming Daily cited more than 20 causes for the perpetual delays. The biggest problems were outdated technology, backward airport infrastructure and poor ground support. Since the deregulation of

China's aviation sector in 1985, a plethora of small carriers has sprung up. Many airlines have attempted to cut costs by purchasing unreliable old Russian planes which need repeated maintenance and contribute to delays, the officials said.

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LONDON (R) - Mark Thatcher, son of former Brit-

ish prime minister Margaret

Thatcher, has denied being a

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In a rare newspaper inter-

view, he said in Monday's

edition of the Financial

Times: "It would be signifi-

cantly wrong to conclude that I am worth more than £5

"There is nothing to sup-

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The whole idea that I have

tremendous success is just a

myth," he said. "If I had

tremendous success I would

not be running around trying to do the things that I am doing. I would be sitting on my own private island in the

south pacific, but I am not."

Just how 41-year-old

Thatcher finances his jet-set

life has been a matter of

rumour, innuendo and huge

interest to Britain's media for

a decade. He left Britain in

the mid-1980s for the United States to escape press atten-

The Sunday Times tried to

lift the veil of secrecy recently with allegations that Mr.

Thatcher earned £12 million

(\$20 million) for helping secure af20 billion (\$31.82 bil-

lion) arms deal with Saudi

Arabia, signed by his mother,

But Mark Thatcher said his

"Merely because I know

this man does not mean to

say that he is going to pay me £12 million because I am a nice guy," Mr. Thatcher told

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Labour Party, attempting to extract maximum pain from

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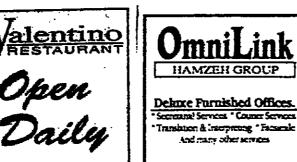
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Espanol beat Albacete; Madrid lose to Betis

weekend that saw Zaragoza onfirm itself as the Spanish eague's early-season sensaion, Espanol's Jordi Lardin's wo goals — his fifth and ixth of the season gave his eam a strong 5-1 win over. Albacète Sunday at Barcelo-

Lardin's eighth minute oal was followed up by earnmate Roberto Fresnedoo's goal in the ninth. Romauan Florin Raducioiu made he score 3-0 in the 22nd ninute and Lardin scored gain in the 30th minute. Centrefielder Moises 'Arteaga" Garcia finished up he first-half push with a goal n the 35th minute.

Uruguay's Jose Luis Zalaar scored Albacete's lone oal on a penalty in the 40th

Zaragoza moved into first place Saturday with a 3-2 win it home over Real Madrid. 30th Zaragoza and Deportio de la Coruna have 14 xoints and the same goal lifference, but Zaragoza has cored more goals.

Argentine striker Juan Antonio Esnaider scored wice and Uruguay's Gustavo Poyet scored in the last five ninutes to give Zaragoza its vin. Chilean Ivan Zamorano and Emilio Amavisca scored Real Madrid's two goals.

At Tenerife, Deportivo fell rom first place Saturday with 1 1-1 tie with Tenerife. Adolio Aldana gave Deportivo a 1-0 lead in the 32nd minute out Juan Antonio Pizzi tied the match with his secondnaif goal.

Barcelona also tied Saturiay, after a first-half goal rom Brazil's Romario. In the second half, Bosnian Meho Kodro scored his sixth goal of the season to let Real Sociedad tie the match up 1-1 at San Sebastian.

Sunday, Argentine Daniel Foribio Aquino and Serbian Vlada Stosic gave Betis its 2-0 win over Atletico de Madrid at Madrid. Aquino scored in the 34th minute and Stosic in the

Euro soccer

Atletico chairman Jesus Gil Y Gil this week had threatened to fire half a dozen players unless performance improved. But, he told reporters after the game, he didn't think his statements had made the players more tense. The team is near the bottom of the standings with a 2-1-6 record.

"I'm not nervous," Gil said. "Sooner or later we'll find the solution." At Oviedo, Croat forward Janko Jankovic scored the

game's lone goal in the 60th minute.
At Santiago, centrefielder Angel Lecumberri scored for

Compostela in the 30th minute. Dane bent Rene Christensen brought the score to 2-0 in the 80th minute. At Seville, centrefielder

Francisco Javier Pineda and Croat forward Davor Suker gave Sevilla a 2-0 lead at the end of the first half, scoring in the 42nd and 45th minutes.

Sporting de Gijon's Pablo Jose Diaz scored an own goal in the 65th minute to give Sevilla a 3-0 lead. Sevilla's centrefielder Gabriel Moya then scored in the 70th minute and Rafael Paz Marin made the team's final goal in the 82nd minute.

Alejandro Moran scored Sporting's only goal in the 79th minute.

In other games Saturday, Valencia won at home, beating Celta 1-0. Athletic de Bilbao won 2-0 over Racing de Santander at Santander.

Caniggia scores twice

Champions Benfica inflicted the first home defeat of the season on 10man Guimaraes late Sunday with a 3-1 victory earned by their two new foreign im-

Argentine Claudio Caniggia scored twice in the last 15 minutes after Benfica's newly-signed Belgian World Cup goalkeeper Michel ty, but they still languish six points off the pace.

Sporting Lisbon remained top with a 2-0 win over Beira Mar, while Porto kept up the pressure with an emphatic 4-0 drubbing of newly-promoted Chaves to remain two points

Striker Isaias Soares put fourth-placed Benfica ahead after six minutes, and although Guimaraes were reduced to 10 men after 55 minutes when defender Samuel Quina was sent off for a second bookable offence, the home side came close to equalising.

Guimaraes won a penalty in the 77th minute when Bosnian Dane Kupresanin was fouled, but Preud'homme pushed Kupresanin's kick past the post. Kupresanin got on the scoresheet with a consolation goal three minutes from time.

Sporting, the only un-beaten side in the league, relied on their foreign players and an own goal for their 2-0

Polish striker Andrzej Juskowiak opened the scoring in the 10th minute when Nigerian World Cup forward Emmanuel Amunike, making his debut, crossed from the left.

Amunike hit the bar in the 60th minute, but it took an own goal from Beira Mar defender Pedro Miguel two minutes from time to seal Sporting's victory. Ex-England manager Bob-

by Robson's Porto took the lead six minutes into their match with a goal from midfielder Rui Barros, but it was the 57th minute before they added a second when Antonio Folha beat two defenders to score from the edge of the

A brace of goals from Brazilian Jose Carlos in the closing minutes made the victory more emphatic. First division newcomers

Tirsense continued their win-

ning streak with a 2-0 away

Real Betis goalie Jaro (left) blocks the shot of Atletico de Madrid's Kiko (centre) while Betis' defender Merino tackles him during their Spanish League first division match Sunday. Betis beat Madrid 2-0. Photo below, Wimbleboys after scoring the team's only goal against Norwich City in the English Premiership match late Sunday. Ekoku's goal ended a five-match losing streak for the Dons (AFP



Denver down Browns; Chargers beat Steelers

IOHN Elway and the Denver Broncos are ready to play the second half of the season. In the past two weeks, the lowly Broncos have risen

from the bottom of the AFC West to beat teams w NFL's best record. Last week, it was previousv undefeated San Diego. On

Sunday, it was Cleveland as Elway completed 30 of 41 passes for 349 yards and two ouchdowns in a 26-14 victory wer the Browns (6-2), one of hree teams entering play with one loss.

"We're slowly clawing our ray back into this thing," ilway said. "But we've got to et to .500 before we even nink about the playoffs." Over the next four weeks,

te Broncos (3-5) play the os Angeles Rams and are ome against Seattle, Atlanta nd Cincinnati.

Elway, who led the Bronis to three wins over the rowns in three AFC chamonship games, picked apart le Browns defence, which stered the game allowing e fewest points in the ague; He was 18 of 20 in the st half as the Broncos led -7, and then hit Glyn Milim with a 17-yard TD pass the clinching score.

Browns coach Bill Behick said be has "seen Elly have great days before, d today was as good as any. hit (receivers) in the flat, er the middle and long. He rew the ball everywhere he

Before Elway's pass to Mil-

taverde late in the first half, engineered a 60-yard scoring drive and two-point conversion that cut the deficit to 20-14 early in the final quar-

sprain and his status waws not known.

In other games, San Diego beat Seattle 35-15, Miami defeated New England 23-3, the Los Angeles Raiders topped Houston 17-14, Minnesota beat Tampa Bay 36-13, Indianapolis beat the New York Jets 28-25, Dallas edged Cincinnati 23-20, Buffalo beat Kansas City 44-10, Philadelphia defeated Washington 31-29 and Detroit edged the New York Giants 28-25 in overtime.

Arizona edged Pittsburgh 20-17 in overtime at night. The NFC West - San Francisco, Atlanta, New Orleans and the Los Angeles Rams — were off this week.

Chargers 35, Seahawks 15 At San Diego, Gale Gilbert replaced the injured

Stan Humphries and threw two fourth-quarter TD passes and safety Stanley Richard forced two fumbles to set up two more scores for San Diego (7-1). Humphries sustained a dislocated left shoulder early in

the third quarter after he was tripped by linebacker Bob Spitulski and Sam Adams fell on him. He is questionable for Sunday.

The Seahawks (3-5) lost their fourth straight. Rick Mirer was 15 for 30 for 177 rn, Mark Rypien, who re-iced a dazed Vinny Tes-yards and was sacked three

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Cardinals 20, Steelers 17

The host Cardinals (3-5) got an immediate break to start overtime. Rookie Charles Johnson fumbled the kickoff at the Arizona 32. David Merritt recovered and, four plays later, Greg Davis more a 51-yard field goal to

Gary Anderson's 23-yard field goal with 47 seconds left tied the game. The score was made possible when Neil O'Donnell, with a tackler wrapped around his legs, found Eric Green with a desperation pass. The 280pound tight end rambled 46 yards to the Arizona 5 with 62 seconds to play.

Yancey Thigpen scored on 60-yard pass from Neil O'Donnell for the Steelers

Dolphins 23, Patriots 3

At Foxboro, Mass., Dan Marino outduelled Drew Bledsoe again. This time it wasn't close. Marino threw for 198 yards and a TD on the opening drive of the second half for Miami (6-2). Bledose, the NFL leader in passing yards, threw for just 125 yards and three interceptions, leading to 10 Dolphins

points. Marino threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Keith Byars, whose 1-yard run had given the Dolphins a 13-3 lead seven seconds before half-

At Los Angeles, Jeff Hostetler threw an 11-yard TD ass to Tim Brown with 1:50 left, and the Raiders (4-4) won when Al Del Greco's 52-yard field goal attempt slammed against the crossbar and bounced back onto the field as time expired.

The Oilers (1-7) had taken a 14-10 lead on Billy Joe Tolliver's 7-yard TD pass to Haywood Jeffires with 3:19 left. Tolliver started in place of the injured Cody Carlson. He finsihed 19 for 43 for 226 vards.

Vikings 36, Buccaneers 13

At Tampa, Fla., cornerback Anthony Parker scored a TD in his third straight game - a 41-yard interception return - and Minnesota

(6-2) forced five turnovers.

Warren Moon threw for 182 yards and a TD and Fuad Reveiz kicked five field goals. The Bucs (2-6), out-scord 111-42 in their last three games, trailed 23-7 at the half.

Colts 28, Jets 25

At Indianapolis, Don Maikowski made his first NFL start in two years a winningone, passing for one TD and running for another for the Colts (4-5), who survived five

Mo Lewis put the Jets (4-4) back in the game when he returned an interception 18 yards for a score. A twopoint conversion pas made it

21-18. Marshall Faulk, who had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter, added the clinching score on a fourthdown, 29-yard carry midway through the final period.

At Cincinnati, the Bengals (0-8) blew their best chance to win this season against the league's best team. After trailing 14-0, Dallas (7-1) rebounded as Troy Aikman threw two TD passes and Chris Boniol kicked three second-half field goals.

Boniol's third field goal, a 38-yarder with five minutes left, gave the cowboys the lead for the first time. Aikman was 20 of 33 for 272 vards and Emmitt Smith had

92 yards on 25 carries. Bills 44, Chiefs 10

At Orchard Park, N.Y. Jim Kelly threw four TD passes and Bruce Smith harassed Joe Montana all day as Buffalo (5-3) showed it can still win big games.

Smith forced an interception and recovered one of Montana's two fumbles in what looked like a replay of last year's AFC championship game. In that game, Smith helped knock out Montana with a concussion early in the second half and Buffalo won 30-13 to earn its foruth consecutivve Super

Bowl berth. The Chiefs (5-3) absorbed their worst non-strike loss since 1984.

Eagles 31, Redskins 29 At Washington, Eddie Pierce.

Murray kicked a 30-yard field goal with 19 seconds left to lift the Eagles, who forced rookie Gus Frerotte into two interceptions and a fumble. The Redskins had taken a Chip Lohmiller's 40-yard field goal.

Randall Cunningham had a rough start as Washington led 17-7 at the half, but he led three long scoring drives as the Eagles (6-2) won their fifth straight against the Redskins (2-7).

Lions 28, Giants 215

At East Rutherford, N.J., Jason Hanson kicked a 24-yard field goal with 8:17 left in overtime, and Detroit (4-4) handed New York (3-5) its

fifth straight loss.

Barry Sanders had 146 yards and helped set up Hanson's winning kick in a game in which several officiating calls hurt the Giants. On the winning drive, Scott Mitchell hit Herman Moore, who had two TD receptions, for 29 yards to the Giants' 7 on a play where the receiver was knocked to a knee by Jarvis Williams at the 36. The officials also made questionable calls on a TD reception and a pass interference that led to Detroit scores.

Dave Meggett had a 56yard punt return for a fourthquarter TD and the Giants added a two-point conversion to tie it at 18 before Mitchell hit Moore from a yard out. The Giants sent the game into OT on Dave Brown's 7-yard TD pass to Aaron

Maradona still waiting for 1st win as coach

BUENOS AIRES (R) -Diego Maradona was still waiting for his first win as a soccer coach at the weekend after watching his Deportivo Mandiyu team draw 0-0 away to Ferro Carril Oeste in the Argentine championship.

International soccer's gov erning body FIFA decided last week that Maradona. who is joint coach of the club based in Corrientes, could work as a coach despite his 15-month playing ban for failing a drug test at the World Cup finals.

Although Mandiyu had slightly the better of a dull encounter, Maradona was unable to celebrate FIFA's decision with a win.

Mandiyu goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea, Maradona's teammate in the Argentine team which finished as runners-up in the 1990 World Cup, was substituted in the second half after being iniured.

Mandiyu, who have drawn four games and lost one since Maradona ioined, are one place from the bottom in the Argentine Apertura cham-

Leaders Velez Sarsfield had to come from one goal behind at home to Boca Juniors to keep their unbeaten record in the competiwah back

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Outsiders

Veteran 34-year-old midfielder Alberto Marcico gave Boca a 40th minute lead when he scored from a rebound after Rodolfo Arruabarrena's header had hit the crossbar.

Boca controlled the game and Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert was once more the hero for Velez as he made several fine saves to keep them alive.

But the South American club champions grabbed an undeserved equaliser ten minutes from time through striker Omar Asad, following a lapse by the Boca defence. River Plate moved into

second place, beating Racing Club 1-0 with a 14th minute penalty converted by Urugnayan international striker Enzo Francescoli, his 75th goal in two stints with the

Gimnasia y Esgrima la Plata won their first game under pionship, the first of two new coach Carlos Griguol, competitions in the 1994/5 beating Platense 2-0 at home.

6 sent off as players brawl in Brazil clash

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - which he was shown the yel-Six men were sent off and riot low card. police had to separate brawling players as a Brazilian championship match erupted in violence Sunday.

After the match one player went to a police station to make a formal complaint. against an opponent.

The game, involving world ctub champions Sao Paulo and defending Brazilian champions Palmeiras, degenerated after Palmeiras striker Edmundo was involved in a furious row with a director on the Sao Paulo bench late in the second half.

Ironically, the game, a local derby, had been preceded by a campaign to eradicate violence on the terraces.

Representatives from the organised supporters clubs of several Sao Paulo-based teams paraded around the pitch carrying banners with the word "peace" before the game and then launched a

circle. Trouble began after Edmundo had scored his second goal of the game to level the scores at 2-2.

Edmundo was involved in a furious exchange with the Sao Paulo team bench, during which the two sides exchanged abuse.

As soon as play re-started. Edmundo lunged into Sao Paulo midfielder Alemao with a reckless tackle for

Edmundo was surrounded by remonstrating Sao Paulo players and slapped Sao Paulo midfielder Juninho in the face. Both were sent off.

As Edmundo was leaving the pitch, he punched Sao Paulo left back Andre Luis in the face, then aimed a kick at the groin of the same player. This began a brawl in which players from both sides punched and lunged at each other with violent kicks.

The brawling stopped only when not police, armed with truncheons, came onto the field. Muller and Gilmar of Sao Paulo and António Carlos and Cesar Sampaio of Paimeiras were all sent off.

Radio reporters, who are positioned around the pitches in Brazilian stadiums, became caught up in the melee as they attempted to broadcast the players' remarks live on the air.

The game, which was inter rupted for a total of 15 minutes, ended 2-2.

After the match, Andre Luis went to a police station to make a formal complaint.

Sao Paulo Director Kalef Joao Francisco admitted later he had spoken to Edmundo from the bench. "I told him to play football. Everytime he went for the ball, he went with his feet up," Francisco

Cuba destroy Brazil in a bad-tempered world volleyball final

OalSAO PAULO (R) — Cuba destroyed Brazil in straight sets to win the women's World Volleyball Championship Sunday in a bad-tempered final.

Cuba, who did not drop a single set in the entire competition, gave ample demon-stration of their superiority in the sport as they won 15-2 15-10 15-5.

Brazil, who copied the country's World Cup soccer team by taking the court holding hands, never managed to get into the game. Most of their attacks were blocked at the net.

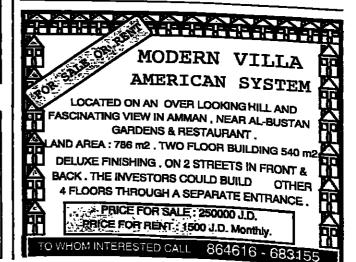
Cuba marred their performance by repeatedly provoking their opponents at the net and making gestures to the crowd at the end of the second set. Mireya Luis, their

top player, was shown the yellow card for dissent in the third set.

Brazil coach Bernardinho was also given the yellow card after less then one minute's play for dissent. With Luis and left-handed Regia Bell producing a suc-

cession of winning shots, Cuba raced into a 6-0 lead in the first set, which they finished off in 13 minutes. Brazil, backed by a noisy crowd, produced sterner resistance in the second set after making changes to their

line-up but still went down 15-10. The home side took a 4-0 lead in the third set but then capitulated, managing only one more point in the rest of the match as Cuba stormed



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Noah, the 1983 French Open champion, who turned to singing and variety performances after quitting the captain's role, takes over from the man who replaced him — Georges Goven. Under Goven, France's

fortunes in the team competition declined and the former champions were twice beaten in home matches at the quarterfinal stage — first by Switzerland and then this year by Sweden.
"I think the guys missed me," grinned Noah, who said

he had been tempted back because he had been given a "completely free hand" in the selection and preparation of French teams.

"I shall be able to be with the players at major events and I think I can add some-



Yannick Noah

Noah, who was critical of Bimes when he replaced Philippe Chatrier as French Federation president, made it clear he was putting internal squabbles behind him. But although he had "no axe to grind" he declared: "My ideas haven't changed."

Noah back to lead France

"I haven't criticised Georges Goven, who hasn't had the best of luck since he took over, and I haven't sat in judgement on the French

"I just hope I can put some enthusiasm back into French

"At the moment none of our players are ranked where they should be. To have no players in the top 30 is ridiculous. I hope that will

Becker has dream weekend in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP) — It's easy to understand why Boris Becker loves playing tennis in

the Swedish capital. He had a dream weekend. beating the top three players in the world and losing only one set in the process.

"I don't think I've ever done that, beating the best three players in a row over three days," Becker said. "It's something I don't completely understand at this moment. I have to have some time to think about it. It's just something very, very rare in my tennis career, what happened in the last couple of days."

The German's 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) triumph over second-ranked Goran Ivanisevic in Sunday's final on the Globe arena's fast carpet gave him four titles in Stockholm, tying John McEnroe's record (1978, 1979, 1984,

Becker, 26, won his first title here in 1988 at the Royal Tennis Hall and also won at the Globe in 1990 and 1991.

No other player can boast a better match record (24-3) in Stockholm than the German, who won straightset matches over fellow German and third-ranked Michael Stich in the quarterfinals and top-ranked Pete Sampas in the semis.

Why does he play so well in Stockholm? Because of the fast court that suits his serveand-volley game so well? The city? Or the fans?

great talent. And you have others who have a chance

where it seems to be perfect Becker got back in Sun-day's final late in the second set, breaking Ivanesevic's serve and winning 6-4 when the Croatian double-faulted. Only 5.018 fans saw Sunday's final, bringing the total to 56,024 for the week, in-

"There are many, many reasons," Becker said.

"Those are three of them. It's

just one of the commanents

They are not against me.

The total turnout was the

Becker who moved to third

in the new rankings Monday,

is not thinking about the No.

for three months in 1991.

"That is not on my mind now," Becker said. "I want

to keep on doing what I love. If I have weeks like that it

ranking, a position he held

lowest since the tournament

moved from the Royal Tennis Hall in 1989. Tuesday's

vere in action.

cluding the qualifying tourna-"It was terrible out there for me in the first set and a half," Becker said. "He "Unfortunately, there were not as many fans today as I hoped for," Becker said. "But they support me all the time even if I play Swedes. served incredible. But he had one bad shot, the doublefault on set point. And Becker also started

serving better under press-They always liked my style of play, making it easy for me to perform well." ure. Behind 1-2 and 0-40 in the final set, he faced triple break point. He responded with three

straight aces, then hit a sharp forehand volley to hold his The final set went with

attendance figure of 7,181 service all the way. Becker was actually slightly higher than one day later, when won the tiebreak 7-4 after taking a quick 4-0 lead.

Becker collected \$244,000 for his fourth ATP singles eight of the world's top 10

title of the year. He also received 235 ATP tour points and now is assured of a berth in the ATP World Championship in Frankfurt next month. The other players who have qualified for the elite eight are Sampras, Ivanisevic and Sergi Bruguera.
Todd Woodbridge and

shows I'm doing the right Mark Woodforde of Austra-"I take a tournament by lia won their third straight Stockholm Open doubles ticournament. If I can produce for many more weeks next tle, prevailing 6-3, 6-4 over year, of course, I'm going to the Swedish Davis Cup duo close to No. 1. But we have of Jan Apell and Mr. Jonas Biorkman. The winners Pete Sampras, who is an extraordinary tennis player.



Boris Becker holds aloft the trophy after beating Croatian Goran Ivanisevic during the finals of the Stockholm Open

HORSE RACING

Outsiders pose Melbourne Cup threat

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — It is the horse race that stops a nation. Australia traditionally comes to a halt on the first Tuesday in November to watch the Melbourne Cup. Major roads are briefly de-

serted, shops almost empty, as people crowd around television sets in offices and bars to watch the two mile (3,200 metres) Flemington Classic.

State authorities estimate around Australian \$150 miltion (U.S. \$112 million) will be wagered on the race is Australia, which has a population of 18 million.

The race has traditionally been dominated by Austrahan and New Zealand horses - but Irish gelding Vintage Crop last year became the first European-horse to win was first run in 1861.

Vintage Crop, a dual Irish St. Leger winner struggling to recover from a foreleg injury that required 14 stitches. heads a strong northern bemisphere challenge again

Trainer Dermot Weld said

Monday that Vintage Crop is likely to start the race, but said he had no idea how much effect the injury will have on the eight-year-old's performance.

Vintage Crop, who will be ridden by leading Irish jockey Michael Kinane, suffered a deep puncture and two gashes to his leg when he lurched into the edge of a fence rail before a training gallop at Sandown a week

Vintage Crop's stablemate Cliveden Gail will be ridden by top English jockey Willie Carson — a five-time English Derby winner — while the other visitors include Quick Ransom and River Verdon.

Quick Ransom, trained by Mark Johnston at Cleethorpes in England, won both the Ebor Handicap and Ascot Krug trophy in 1992. The six-year-old will be ridden by local jockey John Marshal "I'm convinced that Quick

Ransom is now racing as well as at any time in his career," Johnston said. Cliveden Gail is a former

winner of the Curragh Handicap and Leopardstown November Handicap in Ireland, although trainer Weld has not been impressed with her buildup.

"She hasn't travelled nearas well as I would have liked," he said.

River Verdon is trained by Englishman David Hill in Hong Kong, where he won the Hong Kong Invitation Cup back in 1991 and has succeeded in 16 of 28 starts.

Top rating, Paris Lane and Jeune are the three local horses given the best chance of winning - but Jeune also has strong northern hemisphere connections.

Owned by Sheikh Hamdam Bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai, six-year-old staluntil this season but now is trained in Melbourne by David Hayes, who also prepares top rating.

"I really think top rating is the one they all have to beat," said Hayes. "He is handily weighted, he will get the distance and he is going

Hayes has four horses in the race. His other entries are outsiders Glastonbury and Coachwood.

Paris Lane goes into the race with impeccable form, having won both the Caulfield Čup and the Mackinnon Stakes in recent weeks. Both races are traditionally considered excellent form guides to the Melbourne Cup.

Paris Lane's trainer Lee Freedman is aiming-for-his third Melbourne Cup win in six years. He triumphed with Tawrrific in 1989 and Subzero in 1992. Bari Cummings, the lead-

ing Australian trainer who has prepared a record nine Melbourne Cup winners has only one entrant this year the outsider gossips. Favourites have won three of the last six Melbourne Cups and Paris Lane was the

favourite Monday at 4-1, with top rating at 9-2 and Vintage Crop at 5-1. The Melbourne Cup offers Australian \$2 million (U.S.

\$1.2 million) in prizemoney.

The league says no and the North American National Hockey League (NHL) Play-

Accounting techniques have emerged as the lates flashpoint in the NHL lockout, which reached its 30th day Sunday.

The NHLPA has expressed little faith in how owners keep track of revenues and expenses. Players feel there are too many ways to hide

"To be candid, we are skeptical of the quality of the information you might provide," union boss Bob Goodenow wrote to the league last week in requestno financial data datino back to 1989-90. "Our evidence suggests that there is every reason to question or doubt accuracy and or completeness of any data regarding the finances of the league or its

Players suspicious of league financial status

NHL lockout reaches 30th day

ARE NHL teams pulling the financial data for what's tion, for instance, the owner hidden-money trick on play-known as the unified report wouldn't necessarily have to (URO) didn't ask the right

ers Association says yes.

A year ago, the NHL re-vised its method of compiling

known as the unified report of operations. Essentially, teams were in-

structed to report hockeyrelated revenues and expenses for the club and affiliated companies. If an affiliated company generated revenues or had expenses (from catering, beer sales, licensing of sky boxes, dasherboards, etc.) from hockey-related events, the company's financial data from those events

should be reported. But there appears to be a

"It depends," said Jeffrey Pash, the NHL's general counsel. "If the money goes to the team, it should be reported. If it doesn't, then it is not clear whether it has to

If a person owns the team, the building, parking rights and concessions but separate companies ran each opera-

wouldn't necessarily have to report the revenues and expenses from anything but the team to the league.

More than one NHL team

employs accounting principles of this nature. That's why Goodenow is skeptical of the NHL's fi-

Pash said Goodenow had a chance to address this concern when the NHL submit-

ted the revised unified report of operations for a review by "We did not send it out

until they told us it was OK," Pash said. "In fairness to them, that doesn't mean they endorse all the numbers but it does mean they endorsed and participated in the process by which the numbers were compiled.

"If they thought the face to face since Oct. 10.

questions, they had every opportunity to tell us that and we would have made the. changes because we are rying to get the right num-

The exchanges between Goodenow and Pash were revealed in a story by the: Canadian Press. Meanwhile, the league was

expected to cancel more games Monday as a result of the lockout. Last Monday, the league cut its 84-game schedule to 80 games a team.

The number of postponed games reached 168 Sunday and seven more were due to be postponed Monday.

Contract negotiations are decay expected to resume at an undisclosed location this second time that Goodenow - - . and NHL Commissioner-Gary Bettman have talked : ---

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Salo to

driver Mika Salo will make his Grand Prix debut with the Lotus Mugen Honda team in next Sunday's Japanese

Grand Prix at Suzuka. Salo, 27, will partner the team's regualr Italian driver Alessandro Zanardi.

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stralia, "with fresh confidence following the sale of the team, which has ended the administration period."

Lotus went into voluntary administration in early October to shield itself from overhanging debts estimated at £10 million. The names of the new owners were not re-

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ish Formula 3 championship in 1990, when he finished second to fellow Finn Mika Hakkinen, currently a McLaren Peugeot driver and who previously drove for Lotus. Salo won six races and Hakkinen nine that year. Lack of a budget to do European Formula 3000 sent Salo to Japan, where he has

been racing in the Japanese

F3000 series since 1991.

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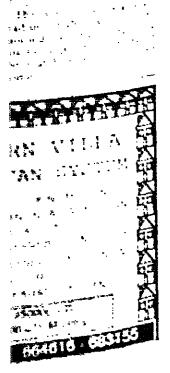
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Palestinians take over Rafah post The Israeli prime minister

RAFAH (Agencies) — The Palestinians raised their flag for the first time at the international border with Egypt on Monday, as they took joint control with Israel of travel into and out of the. Gaza Strip.

Israeli General Arych Shiffman symbolically ceded shared responsibility in a handshake with Palestinian Brigadier General Ziyad Al

Atrash. "Welcome to the Palestinian authority," read a new sign in English, Arabic and Hebrew, with a portrait of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat above it.

Tiny black, white, red and green flags framed the board. while full-size Palestinian colours fluttered at the entrance and exit of the border post,

near Israeli flags. "Our taking charge at the border, according to the agreement, is a second step on the way to peace," said Mr. Atrash. "We are now establishing peace between the Palestinian people and

Palestinian police and officials in passport, customs and security departments were to begin work on Tuesday when travellers would have documents stamped with new

Palestinian authority stamps. According to the May 4 Cairo autonomy agreement between Israel and the PLO, Israel retains final control

Egyptian business team visits Gaza

GAZA CITY (AFP) — Sixteen Egyptian businessmen and officials held talks with Palestinians here Monday in an

effort to work together in agriculture, tourism and indus-

try, an official said. The group plans to meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat later this week, said Hassan Hegazi,

secretary-general of the Gaza Chamber of Commerce.

Invited by the head of Gaza's chamber of commerce,

Mohammad Al Kidwa, the team of representatives from

North Sinai province and chamber of commerce, was to

visit factories in the autonomous Gaza Strip, and in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Mr. Hegazi said. "They will

study matters of benefit to both Palestinians and North

Sinai," he added. They were also to travel to Jerusalem

during their three-day tour of the West Bank, starting

Tuesday, Mr. Hegazi said. A month ago, Gaza's chamber

of commerce hosted a delegation of Egyptian industrialists from the private and public sectors, he said.

U.S., Britain issue warnings in Egypt

CAIRO (AFP) — Britain on Monday advised its nationals

to avoid travelling in fundamentalist strongholds following

the killing of a holidaymaker last week, while the United

States warned its citizens to be on their guard after

receiving bomb threats. The U.S. embassy said it had

received warnings of bomb attacks on "American institu-

tions" in Egypt, and said it had alerted its residents here.

An embassy spokesman refused to give any details of the threats. The British consulate issued an advisory telling

Britons not to travel "by road, rail or river" through the

southern provinces of Minya, Assiut, Sohag and Qena

north of the major tourist destination Luxor. Suspected

fundamentalist killed a British holidaymaker in an attack

over the borders of Rafah, and at the bridge into Jordan. Mr. Shiffman gave Mr. Atrash a copy of the 63-page

border agreement. A similar ceremony was due to be held at the King Hussein Bridge border crossing from the West Bank on Tuesday, officials said.

The new Israeli and Palestinian colleagues at Rafah had their photographs taken together by the new flags and welcome signs.

Some 120 Palestinian employees were gradually to start operating from Tuesday, including armed policemen, passport officers and civilian administrative officials, said Majdi Al Khalidi, director-general at the Palestinian planning minis-

try.

He said Israelis would help train the Palestinians in the

The Palestinian area of the border post now has one channel for Palestinian travellers to the autonomous areas of Gaza and Jericho and another for those living in the occupied West Bank, while foreigners wil use a

third channel. Israeli, Palestinian and foreign travellers first go through a gate jointly operated by both sign

being separated. Israel maintains a discreet

channels.

ferences in the operation of the border accord had been smoothed out in Casablanca, where chief Palestinian and Israeli negotiators Nabil Shaath and General Danny Rothschild met on the fringes of a Middle East economic

said the two decided they would hold talks again in a

week. A Palestinian source

said on condition of anonym-

ity the meeting would take place Nov. 7 in Erez, the

main Gaza-Israel crossing.

Israel Radio reported that Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres told

Mr. Arafat that Israel may

use its forces in the autonomy

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successfully on militant

groups responsible for recent

Arafat's minister of culture

and information, said the clo-

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"because collective punishment is not a policy that will

be helpful for creating an

atmosphere of trust between

Israeli soldiers have

arrested seven militants from

the Islamic Resistance Move-

ment, Hamas, at a refugee

camp on the occupied West

Bank, Palestinian sources

The swoop on Sunday night followed the detention

last Wednesday of nine

Hamas men from Jalazun re-

fugee camp and a neighbour-

ing village just north of

some 150 Hamas activists

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Yasser Abed Rabbo, Mr.

Israel eased tension with the PLO on Sunday by promising to lift a Gaza border

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said after talks with Mr. Arafat in Casablanca he would begin to reopen the border with the Gaza Strip and Israeli-occupied West Bank in two days.

The Gaza Strip, from which 30,000 Palestinian labourers enter Israel daily to work, was closed afte a bus bombing Oct. 19 that killed

Mr. Rabin met for an hour with Mr. Arafat.

It was their first meeting since the Oct. 19 bombing and last week's signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty, which Mr. Arafat has strong-Isy criticised.

"I informed Chairman Arafat that starting Tuesday, two days from today, we gradually will lift the closure." Mr. Rabin told reporters after he and Israeli Foreign

with Mr. Arafat. The Palestinians, however, control over the Palestinian demanded a complete and immediate reopening of the Mr. Khalidi said final dif- Gaza crossings.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hizbollah rejects Hrawi proposal TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Lebanese army must first dischoice to reach peace with arm and disperse the Hizboldignity and to get our rights," lah, which has led a guerrilla Rabin, reacting to a campaign of bombings and Lebanese proposal, said ambushes against Israeli Monday that Israel would not

settlements.

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troops in South Lebanon as

well as periodic rocket

attacks on northern Israeli

South Lebanon just to hold peace talks. President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon proposed that an Israel-Lebanon committee be set up to negotiate a timetable for the withdrawal of Israeli troops.

promise to withdraw from

Mr. Hrawi said he would guarantee an end to guerrilla attacks on Israel from southern Lebanon if Israel agreed

(see page 2).
Asked about the proposal Mr. Rabin did not dismiss it outright, saying he had re-quested clarifications from J.S. mediators.

"If the meaning is that we have to commit ourselves to withdraw from the present line in South Lebanon for having this committee, it's a non-starter," Mr. Rabin told

reporters. Mr. Rabin also expressed scepticism that Mr. Hrawi could guarantee a ceasetire by Hizbollah forces during

negotiations.
"On his promises alone, without putting it to a real test, we will not do any-thing," Mr. Rabin said. Mr. Rabin reiterated

Israel's demand that in advance of negotiations the said Ibrahim Al Sayyed. "We are not concerned by such proposals and agreements. Mr. Hrawi's offer came a day after he was briefed on the telephone by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on his

If the Lebanese army meeting with U.S. President proves over a period of six months that it can maintain Bill Clinton in Damascus on calm, a peace treaty can then In August, Mr. Rabin put be negotiated over the next forward a withdrawal over three months, Mr. Rabin said nine months in exchange for the prior disaming of Hiz-

Israel has said it would not bollah. withdraw until Syria pulled Lebanon has not held talks out its 40,000 troops stawith Israel since Februrary tioned in Lebanon. Israel and progress depends largely maintains about 2,000 solon Damascus, which has 35,000 troops in Lebanon. diers in a "security zone" it created in 1985 after with-Israel Radio said Mr. drawing the bulk of its army Rabin, who returned on

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from Lebanon. Modnay to Israel from the Mr. Rabin also said negoregional economic confertiating a timetable of withence in Morocco, had discusdrawal was not enough and sed the Hrawi proposal with that talks must be capped by U.S. Secretary of State Wara full peace treaty. ren Christopher, who also attended the Casabianca con-

"Whatever we intend to do is only for signing a peace treaty, normalising relations, have embassies, open boundaries for movement of people and goods," Mr. Rabin said. Hizbollah rejected the

Hrawi proposal. One of the group's leading members said such a proposal does not "concern us." "We assert that the resist-

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Major bodyguards lose secret phone details

LONDON (R) - A list of secret phone numbers for Prime Minister John Major's home, offices and security staff was accidently left in a hotel room, a British newspaper reported Monday. The tabloid Sun newspaper said the document, which included serial numbers for police guns, bodyguards' birth dates and blood groups and even the names of some of their spouses, was left behind a bed in the room in West London. Police confirmed they were investigating. but a spokeswoman for Mr. Major's office said: "We do not consider this a breach of security." the Sun said it used the list to call a protection squad mobile phone, reporting that the man who answered exclaimed: "Good God how did you get this

Germans first to cross Gobi **Desert on foot**

BEIJING (AP) - Detouring around impassable sand mountains, fighting snow, wind and freezing temperatures, a German team has crossed China's Gobi Desert on foot and believes it is the first to do so. "Not one step was a gift to us," leader Bruno Baumann said Monday of the 21-day trip in September through Asia's largest desert. It was an expedition of the sort that is 'rare in the world today' because no one had covered the same ground before and the team had no idea what to expect, he added. Mr. Baumann estimated that the team walked more than 500 kilometres (310 miles) - about 200 kilometres (125 miles) of that zigzagging around steep sand mountains that their pack camels at first. refused to climb. The 30 camels were carrying 85 25litre (26.5-quart) tanks of drinking water, food for the 15-member team, and telecommunications and other equipment. To get them moving, their drivers had to light fires under the camels. who would lie down when faced with a mountain.

Experts warn loud snoring can kill

BELIING (AFP) - Mention

otolaryngology to most peo-

ple and you would receive a

blank stare, but Chinese

medical experts at the cutting edge of the field are uncovering a heavy sleeper's worst nightmare — snoring can kill. If your snoring tops the 60decibel mark and you feel slightly choked when falling asleep, then according to Wang Youfu, who heads the Otolaryngology Department at the Beijing Sixth Hospital, you should consult a doctor as soon as possible. China Daily quoted Dr. Wang as saying that research had showed snoring to be a pathological state in which impairment of breathing develops after falling asleep. If breathing is suspended at least 30 times for 10-second stretches in a seven-hour sleeping period, a condition known as obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome (OSAS) develops. OSAS sufferers experience daytime drowsiness, headaches and amnesia, and gradually fall victim to hypertension and cardiovascular complications that can result in death, Dr. Wang said. Overweight people, especially obese men in their 40s and 50s are especially prone to the potentially lethal disease. Dr. Wang said, citing an analysis of 100 cases that included 95 patients who were overnight. Fat forming around the throat constricts the respiratory tract, causing breathing difficulties and reducing the amount of oxygen reaching the brain. Abnormalities in the anatomy of the mandible, tongue and post-erior nostril can also lead to dangerous snoring, she said. Corrective surgery on the abnormalities or to remove fat from people's necks has shown to have a 95 per cent cure rate, said Dr. Wang, who has already performed such surgery on 200 patients. As a last resort, sufferers desperate for a safe night's sleep can wear a special contraption for holding the tongue and keeping it slightly forward in the mouth to reduce the length of the breathing stoppages.

Israeli tourists unlikely to come before Parliament ratifies treaty

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Israeli tourists are likely to be allowed to visit Jordan only after the Jordanian Parliament ratifies the peace treaty that the Kingdom signed with the Jewish state on Oct. 26, officials and travel agents said

Monday. According to officials, travel agents acting on behalf of Israeli tour groups have filed applications for entry permits from the Ministry of Interior, but the ministry would be issuing the permits fies the treaty as a draft law and His Majesty King Hussein signs it, clearing the way

for its enactment. In the meantime, Israel has been issuing entry permits for Jordanians wishing to visit the Jewish state and the occupied territories on a case-bycase basis, according to re-

ports from Israel. "They are not considered as tourists," said a travel agent.. "These permissions are issued on the basis of

have been contacted by a large number of Israeli tour operators seeking to release advertisements offering their services. But, no Jordanian paper is known to have accepted to publish those

"As far as organised tour-ism is concerned, we are still waiting for government instructions as to how to proceed," said the travel agent. We believe that the situation will clear itself up in the next few days.'

Travel agents will be chanpelling the entry permit apauthorities until Jordan and Israel establish diplomatic relations and open embassies. in each other's territory.

The peace treaty calls for the establishment of diplomatic relations in one month after signing of the document.

Jordan and Israel have agreed that 550 Israeli tourists holding Israeli passports would be allowed into the Kingdom every day through the southern crossing near Aqaba which was opened on Aug. 8 and the northern cros-

to be opened soon; 250 will be allowed in through the south and the rest across the Sheikh Hussein Bridge, whose name is expected to be changed into "Green Valley Bridge" or "Peace Bridge."

"The prime minister told our diplomatic reporter...

that if Lebanon did not put

the withdrawal of the army

from South Lebanon as a

precondition on the commit-

tee's discussions, then they

were talking about an in-

teresting idea," the radio

The number of Israeli tourists allowed to visit the ancient city of Petra will be initially limited to 150 per day because of the limited facilities available there, Jordanian spokesman Marwan Muasher said on Oct. 27.

The Agaba-Eilat crossing is now limited to third country nationals. However, Israelis holding non-Israeli passports are also allowed in.

The government has sent the peace treaty to Parliament with a request that it be treated as emergency law. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower House of Parliament has started studying the document, and it is expected that the committee would present its findings to the full House early next week, clearing the way for floor debate on the issue.

The Israeli parliament (Knesset) approved the peace treaty on Oct. 25.

BEIRUT (AFP) - The trial of former Christian warlord Samir Geagea on charges of involvement in the murder of a personal or business Christian leader and a February church bombing is set to open on Nov. 19, the president of the Court of Justice said Jordanian newspapers sing - The Sheikh Hussein on Monday. If convicted Dr. Geagea faces the death sentence over the murder of Dany Chamoun, a rival

Sunday mass in February that killed 11 worshippers. He has also been charged of involvement in the murder of a former member of his disbanded Lebanese Forces militia. Elias Zayeck, in 1989, which also carries the death sentence. Dr. Geagea has been detained at the defence ministry since April 21. He has denied involvement in all

three cases. Last March the government outlawed the Lebanese Forces party which Dr. Geagea had formed after his militia was disbanded at the end of the 1975-1990 civil war, accusing it of fornenting confessional strife.

Christian leader, and his family in 1990 and a bombing at a

Court sets date for start of Geagea trial

Iranian women protest ban on headscarves

TEHRAN (AFP) - More than 1,000 Iranian women rallied outside the French embassy in Tehran to protest a ban on Islamic headscarves in French high schools. The demonstrators, dressed in the traditional black chador and wearing veils, voiced support for Muslim girls expelled from schools in France and called on the French government to revoke the "discriminatory" ban. "We support the fight put up by our Muslim sisters in France, who were expelled because of their Islamic hijab (covering), a symbol of courage and respect for women," shouted the demonstrators who were mainly students from Tehran University. 'Rise up, my sisters, to have the ban lifted." The embassy admitted a group representing the protesters to receive a statement on the issue and the rally calmly dispersed later under the watchful eyes of police. The rally was part of an anti-French campaign launched a few days ago by the Iranian authorities and the press. Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi condemned the ban on Sunday and warned that the "Islamic World would not ignore the infringement on the natural rights" of Muslim schoolgirls in

Iran, Bosnia and Croatia to boost ties

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran, Bosnia and Croatia have agreed to meet twice a year to boost economic and political ties, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency reported. In a unpartite meeting in Tehran Sunday, attended by Iran's vice president, Hassan Habibi, Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic and Croatian Prime Minister Nikica Valentic, the three sides called on the international community to support Bosnia and Croatia in their war against the Serbs. IRNA reported. It said a joint communique, released simultaneously in Tehran, Sarajevo and Zagreb, regretted the easing of U.N. sanctions against Serbia. The U.N. decision was "rewarding the aggressor," according to the communique reported by IRNA. In a meeting Sunday with his Iranian counterpart, Ali Akbar Velayati, Mr. Silajdzic

Ali Mahdi reshuffles his Somali alliance

"interim president" Ali Mahdi Mohammad and his alliance partners announced Monday a reshuffle within the alliance to better confront their main rival, General Mohammad Farah Aideed.

The Somali Salvation Alliance said it was setting up a new steering committee to be headed by Mr. Ali Mahdi, who has refused to attend a conference among the country's warring factions unless it was chaired by the United

Mr. Ali Mahdi is the main rival to Gen. Aideed, Somalia's leading warlord, who has called other clan leaders to the reconciliation conference in the embattled capital Mogadishu on Tuesday.

Southern Mogadishu, controlled by Gen. Aideed, has for a week been the scene of heavy clan fighting. The aim of the conference

would be to give Somalia a government after more than three years of clan warfare accompanied by mass famine following the ouster of dictator Mohammad Siad Barre.

Mr. Ali Mahdi said that though he wanted a conference held at the U.N. headquarters in Mogadishu, he would be prepared to go to the towns of Kismayn or Baidoa or the Kenyan capital Nairobi, but he stressed that "UNOSOM (the U.N. Operation in Somalia) has to play an important role, not only as a facilitator."

The U.N. Security Council's current president, Colin -

MOGADISHU (Agencies) Keating, of New Zealand,
— Somalia's self-proclaimed warned on a visit here last warned on a visit here last week that international aid would continue only if the clans in the Horn of Africa

country agree to reconcile. If that happened, he told a press conference in Mogadishu, the 16,000 U.N. troops here would remain till the end of March next year, and reconstruction aid would continue beyond that date. The current UNOSOM

mandate expires on Monday. The Security Council must endorse continuation of the mission until March 31, already the target date for their pull out. A vote is expected this week.

Zimbabwe will withdraw its peacekeepers from Soma-

lia by the March 31 target date for the withdrawal of all U.N. forces, an army spokesman said in Harare on Mon-

day.
"It is definite Zimbabwe is going to pull out and the process will be in phases, but one cannot say exactly when they will start," the spokes-man told AFP.

Confirming the withdraw-al, Foreign Minister Nathan Shamuyarira said: "The mandate of the U.N. expires next year by which time we hope to have completely withdrawn our troops."
The Zimbabwean spokes-

man said since the majority of the Zimbabwean troops man the Mogadishu airport, they would probably be the last to leave in March.

Zimbabwe has had a battalion of 1,000 troops in Somalia since January 1993 and has suffered three casualties.

Fighting rages . in Kabul

KABUL (Agencies) — Presidential troops battled rival factions with rockets, air strikes and machine-gun fire in heavy fighting that touched all parts of the beleaguered capital Monday. Two of Kabul's hospitals

reported 35 wounded by midday. There was no imme tiate figure on the number killed, A day earlier, at least 10 civilians were killed and about 100 injured.

The fighting began before dawn Monday as Hezb e-Islami forces, led by tebuddin Hekmatyar, launched a ground offensive in eastern Kabul, said General Najibuliah, a government military

"Hezb-e-Islami was using ground troops, and the gov-erument answered with jets," said Gen. Najibullah, who like most Afghans is known by only one name.
"Today is the last day of a

three-day ceasefire," he said with a sardonic smile. As he spoke to the Associ-

ated Press at the Defence Ministry in the centre of Kabul, incoming rockets from Hezb-e-Islamic positions crashed into the city. In addition to heavy fighting in the east, there was non-stop rockets and machine gun fire on the western edge of the city, where Hezb-e-Wahadat, an ally of

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